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Docket No.: 0055-0310P

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of
pending prior Application No. 08/448,489 filed on June 7, 1995,
the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by
reference,
by

SEIKI, Motoharu; SATO, Hiroshi; and SHINAGAWA, Akira

for

NOVEL METALLOPROTEINASE AND ENCODING DNA THEREFOR

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if
applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$710.00	\$355.00
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6-3 =	3	x 80 = \$240.00	x 40 = \$0.00
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3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 08/448,489, filed on June 7, 1995, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--
- b. ☒ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 08/448,489, filed on June 7, 1995, which is a continuation-in-part application of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP94/02009 filed on November 30, 1994. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference.--
6. ☒ Enclosed is/are fifteen (15) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
7. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 08/448,489 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Fuji Yakuhin Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha.
9. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). _____ filed in _____ on _____ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on _____.
- 10b. ☒ Priority of International Appln. PCT/JP94/2009 filed on November 30, 1994 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Japanese Application No. 5-341061 and 7-109884 filed in JAPAN on November 30, 1993 and March 31, 1995, respectively under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
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13. ☐ An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 08/448,489 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14. ☒ Also enclosed herewith is the following:
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Applicant: M. SEIKI et al.
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Filed: October 13, 2000 Examiner: Unassigned
For: NOVEL METALLOPROTEINASE AND ENCODING DNA
THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

October 13, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1

Line 17, after "monoclonal" insert --and polyclonal--

Page 2

Line 12, after "monoclonal" insert --and polyclonal--

Page 3

Line 17, change "Sequence" to --SEQ--

Line 18, change "Sheet sequence number 1" to --ID NO: 1--

Line 22, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 1" to --
SEQ ID NO: 1--

Page 4

Line 1, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number" to --SEQ
ID NO:--

Line 3, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 2" to --SEQ
ID NO: 2--

Line 17, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 1" to --
SEQ ID NO: 1--

Line 19, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 2" to --
SEQ ID NO: 2--

Line 20, change "Sequence Sheet" to --SEQ ID--

Line 21, change "sequence number 1" to --NO: 1--

Line 23, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 2" to --
SEQ ID NO: 2--

Line 24, change "Sequence Sheet sequence" to --SEQ ID--

Line 25, change "number 1" to --NO: 1--

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Line 2, change "Sequence Sheet" to --SEQ ID --

Line 3, change "sequence number 2" to --NO: 2--

Line 4, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 1" to --SEQ
ID NO: 1--

Line 6, change "Sequence" to --SEQ--

Line 7, change "Sheet sequence number 1" to --SEQ ID NO:
1--

Line 9, change "(Sequence Sheet" to --(SEQ ID--

Line 10, change "sequence numbers 3 and 4)" to --NOS: 3
and 4)--

Line 14, change "Sequence Sheet sequence numbers 5 and 6"
to --SEQ ID NOS: 5 and 6--

Line 21, change "Sequence Sheet" to --SEQ ID--

Line 22, change "sequence number 2" to --NO: 2--

Line 23, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 2" to --
SEQ ID NO: 2--

Line 27, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 2" to --
SEQ ID NO: 2--

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Line 5, change "Sequence Sheet" to --SEQ ID--

Line 6, change "sequence number 1" to --NO: 1--

Line 8, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 7" to --SEQ
ID NO: 7--

Line 20, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 7" to --
SEQ ID NO: 7--

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Line 14, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 1" to --
SEQ ID NO: 1--

Line 16, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 2" to --
SEQ ID NO: 2--

Line 18, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 1" to --
SEQ ID NO: 1--

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Line 3, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 2" to --SEQ
ID NO: 2--

Line 7, change "Sequence" to --SEQ--

Line 8, change "Sheet sequence number 2" to --ID NO: 2--

Line 13, after "monoclonal" insert --and polyclonal--

Line 16, after "monoclonal" insert --and polyclonal--

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Line 2, change "Sequence Sheet sequence" to --SEQ ID--

Line 3, change "numbers 3" to --NOS: 3--

Line 10, change "Sequence Sheet sequence numbers " to --
SEQ ID NOS:--

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Line 10, after "XLI-Blue" please insert --(Deposited in
the National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology as Deposit
No. P-15032).--

Line 23, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 2" to --
SEQ ID NO: 2--

Line 24, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 2" to --
SEQ ID NO: 2--

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Line 3, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 1" to --SEQ
ID NO: 1--

Line 4, change "Sequence" to --SEQ--

Line 5, change "Sheet sequence number 2" to --ID NO: 2--

Line 12, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 1" to --
SEQ ID NO: 1--

Line 13, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 7" to --
SEQ ID NO: 7--

Line 17, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 1" to --
SEQ ID NO: 1--

Line 19, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 1" to --
SEQ ID NO: 1--

Line 23, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 1" to --
SEQ ID NO: 1--

Page 18

Line 16, change "Sequence" to --SEQ--

Line 17, change "Sheet sequence number 1" to --ID NO: 1--

Line 17, change "Sequence Sheet" to -- SEQ ID--

Line 18, change "sequence numbers" to --NOS:--

Line 18, change "Sequence Sheet" to --SEQ ID--

Line 19, change "sequence number 1" to --NO: 1--

Page 31

Line 1, change "Sequence Sheet sequence number 1" to --SEQ
ID NO: 1--

Line 4, change "Sequence Sheet sequence" to --SEQ ID--

Line 5, change "number 1" to --NO: 1--

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Line 7, after "MT-MMP" insert --(SEQ ID NO: 1)--

Line 8, after "1" (first occurrence) insert --(SEQ ID NO:
12)--

Line 8, after "-2" insert --(SEQ ID NO: 17)--

Line 8, after "-3" insert --(SEQ ID NO: 15)--

Line 8, after "-7" insert --(SEQ ID NO: 18)--

Line 8, after "-8" insert --(SEQ ID NO: 13)--

Line 8, after "-9" insert --(SEQ ID NO: 16)--

Line 8, after "-10" insert --(SEQ ID NO: 14)--

Line 8, after "-11" insert --(SEQ ID NO: 11)--

Please replace pages 38 through 50 of the specification with the substitute sequence listing enclosed herewith. Please renumber the remaining pages of the specification, beginning with the claims.

Please insert the substitute sequence listing attached hereto immediately after the Abstract of the Disclosure.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim(s) 1-12 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following new claims:

--1. A DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 which corresponds to the amino acid sequence of a membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase characterized by a continuous sequence of hydrophobic amino acids peculiar to membrane-binding proteins from amino acid number 533 to 562 in the C terminus domain shown in SEQ ID NO: 1, having the amino acid sequence from amino acid number 160 to 173, 320 to 333 and from 498 to 512 shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 or having the amino acid sequence from amino acid number 1 to 173, 320 to 333, 498 to 512 and 563 to 582 shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.

2. A plasmid containing a DNA according to claim 1 having the nucleotide sequence shown SEQ ID NO: 2.

3. A host cell harboring a plasmid according to claim 2 containing a DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2.

4. Antibodies which specifically recognize a membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase characterized by a continuous sequence of hydrophobic amino acids peculiar to membrane-binding proteins from amino acid number 533 to 562 in the C terminus domain shown in SEQ ID NO: 1, having the amino acid sequence from amino acid number 160

to 173, 320 to 333 and from 498 to 512 shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 or having the amino acid sequence from amino acid number 1 to 173, 320 to 333, 498 to 512 and 563 to 582 shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.

5. Antibodies according to claim 4, wherein said antibodies are monoclonal antibodies.

6. A DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 which encodes a protein having the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.

7. A plasmid containing a DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, expressing the protein shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.

8. A host cell harboring a plasmid containing a DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, and expressing the protein shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.

9. Antibodies which specifically recognize a protein having the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.

10. Antibodies according to claim 9, wherein said antibodies are monoclonal antibodies.--

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to recite "and polyclonal." Support for polyclonal antibodies may be found in working Examiner 3(c) in that the antibodies produced in the mouse and the isolated antibody producing spleenocytes are polyclonal in nature. In addition, the hybridoma cultures of Working Example 3(e) produce polyclonal antibodies.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' further respectfully request that the disk containing the amended sequence listing which was filed in parent application No. 08/448,489 on February 26, 1999 as file name "55-290p.app" be transferred to this new application in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-825. The disk copy of the sequence listing is identical to the paper copy except for word processing formatting.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact MaryAnne Armstrong, Ph.D. (Reg. 40,069) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

Docket No. 55-310P

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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DESCRIPTION

Title of the Invention

NOVEL METALLOPROTEINASE AND ENCODING DNA THEREFOR

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a novel metalloproteinase useful in applications such as diagnosis of the presence of tumour cells, diagnosis of the degree of tumour malignancy, or other medical or physiological fields.

More specifically, the present invention relates to one type of metalloproteinase expressed specifically in human tumour cells and a DNA sequence encoding therefor; a plasmid having a nucleotide sequence which contains said DNA sequence; a host cell harbouring said plasmid; a method for manufacturing said protein using said host cell; a probe which hybridizes with the aforesaid DNA sequence; a method for detecting DNA or RNA containing the aforesaid sequence using said probe; and monoclonal antibodies which bind specifically to the aforesaid protein.

BACKGROUND

A group of enzymes with different substrate specificity and referred to in general as matrix metalloproteinases (hereinafter referred to as "MMPs") contributes to degradation of the extracellular matrix comprising such

complex components as collagen, proteoglycan, elastin, fibronectin, and laminin.

Previously reported MMPs include interstitial collagenase (MMP-1), 72 kDa gelatinase (also known as type IV collagenase or gelatinase A; MMP-2), 92 kDa gelatinase (also known as type IV collagenase or gelatinase B; MMP-9), stromelysin-1 (MMP-3), matrilysin (MMP-7), neutrophil collagenase (MMP-8), stromelysin-2 (MMP-10) and stromelysin-3 (MMP-11).

These MMPs are a family of enzymes whose primary structure has been reported previously. With the exception of MMP-7, the primary structure among the family of reported MMPs comprises essentially an N-terminal propeptide domain, a Zn^{+} binding catalytic domain and a C-terminal hemopexin-like domain. In MMP-7 there is no hemopexin-like domain. MMP-2 and MMP-9 contain an additional gelatin-binding domain. In addition, a proline-rich domain highly homologous to a type V collagen $\alpha 2$ chain is inserted in MMP-9 between the Zn^{+} binding catalytic domain and the C-terminal hemopexin-like domain.

In highly metastatic tumour cells, there are reports of conspicuous expression of type IV collagenase (MMP-2, MMP-9) which mainly degrade type IV collagen (Cancer Res., 46:1-7, 1986; Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun., 154:832-838, 1988; Cancer, 71:1368-1383, 1993). Likewise, it has been reported MMP-3 act as an activator of proMMP-9 (J. Biol. Chem., 267:3581-3584, 1992).

The degree of matrix metalloproteinase expression serves as an index to diagnosing the degree of cancer malignancy.

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

The present inventors discovered a novel matrix metalloproteinase (hereinafter referred to as "MT-MMP") and performed a structural analysis thereof.

As described hereafter, the present invention offers a novel metalloproteinase protein, DNA having a nucleotide sequence which encodes said protein, a plasmid having said DNA nucleotide sequence, a host cell harbouring said plasmid and monoclonal antibodies which specifically recognize the aforesaid metalloproteinase protein.

1. A native membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase characterized by a continuous sequence of hydrophobic amino acids peculiar to membrane-binding proteins from amino acid number 533 to 562 in the C terminus domain shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

2. A native membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase according to claim 1, characterized by the amino acid sequence from amino acid number 160 to 173, 320 to 333 and from 498 to 512 shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

3. A native membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase according to claim 1, characterized by the amino acid sequence from amino acid number 1 to 173, 320 to 333, 498 to

512 and 563 to 582 shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

4. A DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 2, which corresponds to the amino acid sequence of a membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase according to claim 1, 2 or 3.

5. A plasmid containing a DNA having the nucleotide sequence according to claim 4 and expressing a membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase according to claim 1, 2 or 3.

6. A host cell harbouring a plasmid containing a DNA having the nucleotide sequence according to claim 4, and expressing a membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase according to claim 1, 2 or 3.

7. Monoclonal antibodies which peculiarly recognize a membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase according to claim 1, 2 or 3.

8. A protein having the amino acid sequence shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

9. A DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 2 which encodes a protein having the amino acid sequence shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

10. A plasmid containing a DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 2, and expressing the protein shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

11. A host cell harbouring a plasmid containing a DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 2, and expressing the protein shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

12. Monoclonal antibodies which peculiarly recognize a protein having the amino acid sequence shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

The present invention is described in detail hereafter.

Using highly conserved sequences (Sequence Sheet sequence numbers 3 and 4) selected from amino acid sequences of the known matrix metalloproteinase (MMP) family, the present inventors designed and synthesized an oligonucleotide primer having the sequences denoted by Sequence Sheet sequence numbers 5 and 6. A PCR was carried out using said oligonucleotide primer and a human placental cDNA library, the PCR products obtained were sequenced, and a 390 bp DNA fragment having a sequence non-homologous to known MMP was obtained. Using this 390 bp DNA fragment as a probe, the human placenta cDNA library was screened, and a cDNA in the positive phage clone obtained was sequenced. The nucleotide sequence is that denoted by Sequence Sheet sequence number 2. A sequence identical to the nucleotide sequence in Sequence Sheet sequence number 2 did not exist in the Genbank/EMBL DNA database, and DNA having this nucleotide sequence was ascertained to be completely novel.

The nucleotide sequence of the aforesaid cloned cDNA in Sequence Sheet sequence number 2 had a 3' non-coding

sequence and open reading frame that potentially encode 582 amino acid. An initiation codon was located at nucleotide number 112, and a stop codon was present at nucleotide number 1858. It was determined that this open reading frame encoded the 582 amino acid sequence in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1, that a deduced signal sequence continued after the initiation codon, and that a hydrophobic domain (Sequence Sheet sequence number 7) specific to a membrane-binding protein of 20 or more linked hydrophobic amino acids was present from C-terminal amino acid number 533 to 562.

When homology between the amino acid sequence of MT-MMP and that of the known MMP family was analyzed, MT-MMP had high homology to the known MMP family, as shown in Figure 2. The sequences best conserved in MT-MMP were active site sequences, as well as sequences proximal to processing site between precursor and mature substance conserved in the MMP family. The fact that MT-MMP has the structural characteristics of a membrane-binding protein, and the presence in MT-MMP of a sequence of linked hydrophobic amino acids (shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 7) not found in the rest of the MMP family, strongly suggested that MT-MMP, unlike other MMP family, is a membrane-binding MMP.

When MT-MMP expression in various human tissues was studied by Northern Blot analysis with various tissue-derived Poly(A)RNA, high expression was seen in the placenta, lung and kidney (see Figure 3). Likewise, results from Northern Blot analysis performed with RNA extracted

from normal and tumour areas of human lung squamous cell carcinoma showed that MT-MMP is expressed peculiarly at tumour sites (see Figure 4).

Finally, immunoprecipitation and immunostain experiments using anti-MT-MMP monoclonal antibodies showed that the MT-MMP pertaining to the present invention is expressed on a cell membrane without secretion of a gene product, and MMP-2 activation induced by the expression of MT-MMP was observed in the cells transfected with MT-MMP gene (Nature, 370:61-65, 1994).

Due to the achievements of the above-discussed research by the present inventors, the present invention offers a novel matrix metalloproteinase protein having the amino acid sequence in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

In addition, the present invention offers DNA having the nucleotide sequence in Sequence Sheet sequence number 2, which encodes a protein having the amino acid sequence in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1; a plasmid containing and capable of expressing said DNA; and a host cell harbouring said plasmid. All host cells used in general recombinant DNA technology can be used as the aforementioned host cell, including prokaryotes such as E. coli and Bacillus subtilis; eukaryotes such as yeast, COS cells, CHO cells and 3T3 cells; and insect cells such as Sf21. Expression vectors corresponding to used host cells can be used as the aforementioned plasmid.

Furthermore, the present invention offers mRNA transcribed from DNA having the nucleotide sequence in Sequence Sheet sequence number 2.

The present invention also offers a probe which hybridizes with the aforementioned DNA or RNA and specifically detects said DNA or RNA, and said probe may be one having any part of the nucleotide sequence in Sequence Sheet sequence number 2, provided said probe is labeled by a generally used radioactive isotope or enzyme or the like, hybridizes specifically with said DNA or RNA in general blotting analysis and *in situ* hybridization, and accomplishes detection.

Furthermore, the present invention offers monoclonal antibodies which bind peculiarly with the MT-MMP pertaining to the present invention.

The monoclonal antibodies pertaining to the present invention can be prepared by a well-known method such as the method of Milstein et al. (Nature, 256:495-497, 1975) using human MT-MMP as an antigen. In this method, the antigen may be native human MT-MMP, recombinant human MT-MMP, or a synthetic peptide having a partial amino acid sequence of either.

By means of the present invention, DNA having a nucleotide sequence which encodes a protein with the amino acid sequence of the novel MT-MMP pertaining to the present invention can be cloned, and such DNA and a protein encoded by such DNA can be prepared by a genetic engineering

technique. Through the use of a cDNA clone of such a novel MT-MMP, techniques generally used in genetic engineering can be used to clone the aforementioned nucleotide sequence into another vector or host. Based on the aforementioned cDNA nucleotide sequence, DNA appropriately suited to a probe may be designed and prepared. In addition, based on the nucleotide sequence of the MT-MMP pertaining to the present invention, techniques generally used in genetic engineering can be used to prepare a corresponding protein wherein appropriate mutation have been introduced into the MT-MMP amino acid sequence by substitution, deletion, insertion, displacement or addition of one or more amino acids. All such aforementioned derivatives may also be included in the present invention, provided that common metalloproteinase characteristics are conserved; namely, sequences proximal to processing site between precursor and mature substance, active site sequences and domain structure, and provided that the MT-MMP characteristic of a hydrophobic domain of linked hydrophobic amino acids present near the C terminus is conserved.

Use of the above-discussed various implementations of the present invention offers various technical means applicable to applications pertaining to diagnostic agents or diagnostic methods used for diagnosis of the presence of tumour cells or¹ for diagnosis of the degree of tumour malignancy, as well as applications in other medical or physiological fields.

The present invention is described in detail hereafter by means of Working Examples, but the present invention is not limited by these Working Examples.

WORKING EXAMPLES

Working Example 1 Isolation of novel metalloproteinase (MT-MMP) cDNA

(a) Construction of cDNA Library

Total RNA was extracted from human placenta tissue by a guanidine-cesium chloride method (Biochemistry, 18:5294-5299, 1979) and poly(A)⁺RNA was purified using an oligo(dT)-cellulose column. Using a purified poly(A)⁺RNA as a template and an oligo(dT) primer, cDNA was synthesized according to the Gubler-Hoffman method (Gene, 25:263-269, 1983). The ends of the cDNA were converted to blunt end with T₄ DNA polymerase, and EcoR I sites present in the cDNA were methylated by EcoR I methylase. Using T₄ DNA ligase, an EcoR I linker [d(pG-G-A-A-T-T-C-C)] and the cDNA were ligated, and cDNA possessing EcoR I sites at both ends was generated by EcoR I digestion. Using T₄ DNA ligase, this cDNA was cloned into EcoR I site of λ gt11. *In vitro* packaging of this cDNA was carried out, for example, using an *in vitro* packaging kit (Amersham), and a cDNA library was thus constructed. A commercial cDNA library such as a human placenta cDNA library (Clontech) can be used as a cDNA library.

(b) Preparation of synthetic oligonucleotide primer

The sequences denoted by Sequence Sheet sequence numbers 3 (P-1) and 4 (P-2) were selected from among amino acid sequences of the known MMP family as highly conserved amino acid sequences in the MMP family, and oligodeoxynucleotide primers corresponding respectively to oligopeptide P-1 and oligopeptide P-2 were designed. Specifically, when amino acids coded by two or more codons were present in an oligopeptide, the sequences were designed as a mixture as shown in Sequence Sheet sequence numbers 5 (primer 1) and 6 (primer 2). Primer 1 and primer 2 were synthesized by a β -cyanoethyl phosphoramidite method using a DNA synthesizer (Applied Biosystems Model 392). Using a NICK column (Pharmacia) equilibrated with 10mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 6.8 the obtained primer 1 and primer 2 were purified.

(c) Gene amplification by PCR

Using a human placenta-derived cDNA as a template and primers 1 and 2 noted in the above section (b), a PCR (PCR Technology, Stockton Press, pp. 63-67, 1989) was run.

As a result, a 390 bp PCR product was yielded. The obtained PCR product was cloned in an appropriate plasmid, e.g., pUC 119 or pBluescript, and the nucleotide sequence of the PCR product was determined using a fluorescence DNA sequencer (Applied Biosystems, Model 373A) and a Taq dye-primer cycle sequencing kit (Applied Biosystems). Among

various PCR products whose nucleotide sequences were determined, PCR product A having no homology to nucleotide sequences of previously reported MMPs was obtained. PCR product A was used as a probe for screening the human placenta cDNA library noted in the foregoing section (a). ³²P labeling of the probe was generated using a random primed DNA labeling kit (Boehringer Mannheim).

(d) Screening of novel MMP gene from cDNA library and DNA sequencing.

Host E. coli Y1090 was transfected with the human placenta cDNA library constructed in the λ gt11 cited in the foregoing section (a) and plaques were formed. Specifically, Y1090 was cultured overnight in an L broth containing 0.02% maltose, and bacteria were harvested and suspended in 10mM MgSO₄. This cell suspension and a phage solution were mixed, incubated at 37°C for 15 minutes, and then the phages were adsorbed onto the host bacteria. Soft agar was added thereto, and the material was spread on an L plate (the above-noted operation is hereinafter termed "plating"). The plate was incubated overnight at 42°C and a plaque was formed, after which a nylon filter (e.g., Hibond-N, Amersham) or a nitrocellulose filter (e.g., HATF, Millipore) was placed onto the plate and left in place for approximately 30 seconds. The filter was gently peeled and immersed in an alkaline denaturant (0.1M NaOH, 1.5M NaCl) for 30 seconds, then immersed in a neutralizing solution

(0.5M Tris-HCl buffer, pH 8 containing 1.5M NaCl) for 5 minutes. The filter was then washed with 2x SSPE (0.36M NaCl, 20mM NaH₂PO₄, 2mM EDTA) and dried. The foregoing plaque-to-filter transfer was repeated, and at least two filters were prepared. However, plate contact time for the second and subsequent filters was extended to approximately 2 minutes. Filters were baked 2 hours at 80°C and DNA was thus fixed. The two filters, at a minimum, prepared from one plate were respectively washed 1 hour at 42°C in a wash solution (50mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 8.0 containing 1M NaCl, 1mM EDTA and 0.1% SDS), placed in a hybridization bag, and prehybridization was carried out by 6 to 8 hours immersion at 42°C in a prehybridization solution [50% formamide, 5x Denhardt's solution (0.2% bovine serum albumin, 0.2% polyvinylpyrrolidone), 5x SSPE, 0.1% SDS, 100µg/ml heat-denatured salmon sperm DNA]. Next, the ³²P-labeled probe noted in section (c), heat-denatured for 5 minutes at 100°C, was added to the prehybridization solution, and hybridization was carried out overnight at 42°C. / After hybridization was complete, the filters were washed at room temperature with an excess of 2x SSC solution containing 0.1% SDS. Next, the filters were placed for 15 minutes at 68°C in 1x SSC solution containing 0.1% SDS. The filters were then dried, layered with X-ray film (Kodak XR), and 1 week autoradiography was then carried out at -70°C. The X-ray films were developed, replica filters in duplicate produced from one plate were piled up each other, and

signals that appeared precisely same place on duplicate filters were marked. Plaques corresponding to marked signals were suspended in SM solution (50mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 7.5 containing 0.1M NaCl and 10mM MgSO₄). These phage suspensions were appropriately diluted and plating was performed, screening similar to that noted above was carried out, and recombinant phages were obtained.

(e) Preparation of recombinant λ gt11 DNA

Each cloned phages was plated, incubated for 3 hours at 42°C, and incubated overnight at 37°C. Several drops of chloroform was then added to the SM solution and the material was left at room temperature for 30 minutes. The SM solution together with the upper layer of soft agar was then scraped off, and centrifuged. Polyethylene glycol was added to a 10% final concentration in the supernatant, and the material was mixed and left at 4°C for 1 hour. The material was then centrifuged, the supernatant was discarded, and phage particles were collected. The phage particles were suspended in SM solution and purified by a glycerol gradient ultracentrifugation method (see "Molecular Cloning, a Laboratory Manual", T. Maniatis et al., Cold Spring Harbor: Laboratory Press pp. 2.78, 1989). The phages obtained were suspended in SM solution and treated with DNase I and RNase A. A mixture of 20mM EDTA, 50µg/ml proteinase K, and 0.5% SDS was then added, and the material was incubated at 65°C for 1 hour. The material was then

subjected to phenol extraction and diethylether extraction, and DNA was precipitated by ethanol precipitation. The DNA obtained was washed with 70% ethanol, dried, and dissolved in TE solution (10mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 8 containing 10mM EDTA).

(f) Sequencing of the insertion fragment

The λ gt11 DNA prepared in the above section (e) was digested with EcoR I, an insertion fragment was excised and purified, and cloned into the EcoR I site of a pBluescript (Stratagene) vector. E. coli NM522 XLI-Blue was transformed with this recombinant pBluescript. The F' transformed cells were selected, infected with helper phage VCSM13 (Stratagene), and cultured overnight. The culture was centrifuged and the bacteria were removed, and PEG/NaCl was added to precipitate the phages. The precipitate was suspended in TE solution, and single-stranded DNA was extracted with phenol and recovered by ethanol precipitation. The single-stranded DNA was sequenced using a fluorescence DNA sequencer (Applied Biosystems, Model 373A) and a Taq dye-primer cycle sequencing kit (Applied Biosystems). The total length of the sequence determined was 3403 base pairs, and the sequence thereof is denoted by Sequence Sheet sequence number 2. The nucleotide sequence in Sequence Sheet sequence number 2 was searched using the Genbank/EMBL DNA database, but an identical sequence did not exist.

(g) Analysis of Gene Product

Hydrophilic and hydrophobic values of the amino acid sequence denoted by Sequence Sheet sequence number 1, as predicted from the nucleotide sequence denoted by Sequence Sheet sequence number 2, were calculated by the Kyte-Doolittle method (J. Mol. Biol., 157:105-132, 1982), and the hydrophilic and hydrophobic distribution plot shown in Figure 1 was determined. A hydrophobic domain comprising a sequence of 20 or more linked hydrophobic amino acids peculiar to a membrane binding protein was present from position 533 to position 562 of the C-terminal region of Sequence Sheet sequence number 1, and the sequence thereof is shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 7. Such a sequence of linked hydrophobic amino acids does not exist in previously known MMPs.

When the homology of the amino acid sequence in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1 was compared to reported MMPs amino acid sequences, the amino acid sequence in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1 showed homology with the MMP family. Specifically, processing site between precursor and active enzyme and active site conserved to an extremely high degree among MMP family were each highly conserved in MT-MMP as well (Sequence Sheet sequence number 1, amino acids numbers 88-97 and 112-222).

Working Example 2 Gene Expression

(a) Expression in Tissues

Using ^{32}P -labeled PCR product A noted in Working Example 1, section (c) as a probe, hybridization was performed with poly(A)⁺ RNA blotted membrane, human multiple tissue Northern Blots (Clontech), which contains poly(A)⁺ RNA from human heart, brain, placenta, lung, liver, skeletal muscle, kidney and pancreas. Human multiple tissue Northern Blot filters wetted with 3x SSC (0.45M NaCl, 0.045M trisodium citrate $\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, pH 7.0) were prehybridized for 2 to 3 hours in a prehybridization solution (0.75M NaCl, 2.5mM EDTA, 0.5x Denhardt's solution, 50% formamide and 20mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 7.5 containing 1% SDS) with gentle agitation. Next, a heat-denatured probe was added to the hybridization solution (10% sodium dextran and 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ denatured salmon sperm DNA-containing prehybridization solution), the prehybridization solution was replaced, and hybridization was performed overnight at 43°C. After hybridization was complete, the filters were washed with 2x SSC containing 0.1% SDS. Next, the filters were placed for 15 minutes at 68°C in 1x SSC containing 0.1% SDS. The filters were then dried, layered with X-ray film (Kodak XR), and 1 week autoradiography was then carried out at -70°C. The size of the MT-MMP gene transcripts was 4.8 kb in each tissue. When the developed X-ray films were traced by a densitometer and signal intensity was measured, among the investigated tissues, MT-MMP genes were found to be highly expressed in the lung, placenta and kidney.

(b) Expression in Tumour Tissues

Normal and tumour tissues were taken from samples of two squamous cell carcinomas human lung, respectively, and total RNA was extracted by a guanidine-caesium chloride method. 10µg of each said RNA was applied to 1% agarose electrophoresis and then transferred onto a nylon membrane. Hybridization was then carried out with the ³²P-labeled probe noted in Working Example 1, section (c). Hybridization and autoradiography tracing were performed as described in the foregoing section (a). In each human lung squamous cell carcinoma, significantly higher expression were seen in tumour tissue (see Figure 4 T) than in normal tissue (see Figure 4 N).

Working Example 3 Preparation of Monoclonal Antibodies

(a) Preparation of Polypeptides as Antigen

From the MT-MMP amino acid sequence denoted by Sequence Sheet sequence number 1, sequences denoted by Sequence Sheet sequence numbers 8, 9 and 10 (sequence of Sequence Sheet sequence number 1 amino acid numbers 160-173, 320-333, and 498-512, respectively; hereinafter termed polypeptide A, polypeptide B and polypeptide C, respectively) were selected as specific sequences having low homology to other members of MMP family. These polypeptides were synthesized by Fmoc-BOP method using a peptide synthesizer (MilliGen/Biosearch, Peptide Synthesizer 9600), and cysteine was introduced at

the N-terminus. Each synthesized peptide was purified by high speed liquid chromatography.

(b) Preparation of Each Polypeptides and Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin Complexes

2 mg of keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH) dissolved in 1 ml of 0.1M phosphate buffer, pH 7.5 and 1.85 mg N-(ε-maleimidocaproyloxy)succinimide dissolved in 200 μl dimethylformamide were mixed and incubated at 30°C for 30 minutes. Next, the above-noted mixture was applied to gel filtration by PD-10 (Pharmacia) equilibrated with 0.1M phosphate buffer, pH 7.0. KLH-bound maleimide was collected and concentrated to less than 1.5 ml. Each polypeptide synthesized in the foregoing section (a) was respectively dissolved in 1 ml of 0.1M phosphate buffer, pH 7.0 and mixed with KLH-bound maleimide at a molar ratio representing a factor of 50. This material was then incubated 20 hours at 4°C, and KLH-polypeptide complexes were thus prepared.

(c) Preparation of Antibody-producing Cells

As an initial immunization, eight-week-old Balb/c female mice were given an intraperitoneal administration of 250 μg of a complex of KLH and, respectively, polypeptide A, polypeptide B or polypeptide C prepared in the above section (b), in Freund's complete adjuvant. After 18 days, the respectively immunized mice were boosted intraperitoneally with 200 μg of the respective complexes dissolved in 0.1M

phosphate buffer, pH 7.5. After 32 days, a final immunization of 100 µg of each complex was administered intravenously as the booster immunization. Three days thereafter, splenocytes were extirpated and splenocyte suspensions were prepared.

(d) Cell Fusion

Fusion with 8-azaguanine-resistant myeloma cell SP2 (SP2/O-Ag14) was performed according to a modifying method of Oi et al (see Selected Methods in Cellular Immunology, Mishell, B.B. and Shiigi, S. M., ed., W.H. Freeman and Company pp. 351-372, 1980). Fusion of myeloma cell SP2 with karyo-splenocytes from mice immunized with the polypeptide A-KLH complex is discussed in details, hereafter.

Through the following procedures, karyo-splenocytes prepared in the foregoing section (c) (cell viability 100%) were fused in a 5:1 ratio with myeloma cells (cell viability 100%). A polypeptide A-immunized splenocyte suspension and myeloma cells were separately washed in RPMI 1640 medium. The material was then suspended in the same medium, and 3×10^8 cells of karyo-splenocytes and 6×10^7 cells of myeloma cells were mixed for fusion. The cells were then precipitated by centrifugation, and all the supernatant was completely discarded by suction. 2.0 ml of PEG 4000 solution (RPMI 1640 medium containing 50% [w/v] polyethylene glycol 4000) prewarmed at 37°C was added dropwise to the precipitated cells over 1 minute, 1 minute stirring was

performed, and the cells were resuspended and dispersed. Next, 2.0 ml of RPMI 1640 medium prewarmed at 37°C was added in a dropwise fashion over 1 minute. After repeating the same operation once more, 14 ml of RPMI 1640 medium was added dropwise over 2 to 3 minutes under constant stirring, and the cells were dispersed. The dispersion was centrifuged and the supernatant was completely discarded by suction. Next, 30 ml of NS-1 medium (RPMI 1640 medium containing filter-sterilized 15% [w/v] fetal calf serum [JRH Biosciences]) prewarmed at 37°C was rapidly added to the precipitated cells, and the large cell clumps were carefully dispersed by pipetting. The dispersion was then diluted by adding 30 ml of NS-1 medium, and 6.0×10^5 cells/0.1 ml/well was added to a polystyrene 96-microwell plate. The above-noted cell-filled microwells were cultured in 7% carbonic acid gas/93% atmospheric air at 37°C and 100% humidity.

In the case of splenocytes derived from mice immunized with the polypeptide B-KLH complex, 6.4×10^8 cells of splenocytes and 1.28×10^8 cells of myeloma cells were mixed, and respectively, 4.3 ml, 38.7 ml and 129 ml of the above-used PEG 4000 solution, RPMI 1640 medium and NS-1 medium were used. In the case of splenocytes derived from mice immunized with the polypeptide C-KLH complex, 6.8×10^8 cells of splenocytes and 1.36×10^8 cells of myeloma cells were mixed, and 4.5 ml, 40.5 ml and 135 ml of respectively PEG 4000 solution, RPMI 1640 medium and NS-1 medium were used.

(e) Selective Amplification of Hybridomas by Selective Culture Medium

On the day following the start of culturing mentioned in the above section (d) (Day 1), 2 drops (approx. 0.1 ml) HAT culture medium (100 μ M hypoxanthine, 0.4 μ M aminopterin and 16 μ M thymidine added to NS-1 culture medium) were added to the cells with a Pasteur pipette. On Days 2, 3, 5 and 8, half of each culture medium (approx. 0.1 ml) was replaced with fresh HAT medium, and on Day 11, half of each culture medium was replaced with fresh HT culture medium (HAT culture medium not containing aminopterin). On Day 14, for all the wells in which hybridoma growth was observed to the naked eye, positive wells were investigated by enzyme-linked immunoadsorbent assay (ELISA). Specifically, the polystyrene 96-well plate was respectively coated with polypeptides A, B and C serving as antigens, washed using PBS for washing (containing 0.05% Tween 20), and unadsorbed peptides were thus removed. In addition, the uncoated portion of each well was blocked with 1% BSA. 0.1 ml of supernatant from wells in which hybridoma growth was confirmed was added to each polypeptide-coated well, and the plate was stood at room temperature for approximately 1 hour.

Horseradish peroxidase-labeled goat anti-mouse immunoglobulin was added as a secondary antibody, and the plate was again stood at room temperature for approximately another 1 hour. A substrate of hydrogen peroxide and o-

phenylenediamine was added, and the degree of color development was measured as absorbance at 492 nm using a microplate light absorbency measuring device (MRP-A4, Tosoh).

(f) Hybridoma Cloning

Hybridomas in wells positive with respect to individual antigen peptides, as obtained in the foregoing section (e), were monocloned according to the limiting dilution method. Specifically, hybridomas were diluted to 5, 1 and 0.5 per well and were respectively added to 36, 36 and 24 wells of a 96 microwells. On Day 5 and Day 12, approximately 0.1 ml NS-1 medium was added to each well. Approximately 2 weeks after cloning began, the ELISA noted in section (e) was performed for groups in which sufficient hybridoma growth was visually confirmed and 50% or more wells were negative for colony formation. If all tested wells were not positive, 4 to 6 antibody-positive wells in which the number of colonies was 1 were selected, and recloning was performed. Finally, as shown in Table 1 and Table 2, 12, 20 and 9 hybridomas were obtained which produced monoclonal antibodies against polypeptide A, polypeptide B or polypeptide C, respectively.

(g) Hybridoma Culturing and Monoclonal Antibody Purification

Each obtained hybridoma was cultured in NS-1 medium and a 10 to 100 µg/ml concentration of monoclonal antibody was successfully obtained from the supernatant thereof. In addition, BALB/c mice given an one week prior intraperitoneal administration of pristane were given a similar intraperitoneal administration of 1×10^7 cells of obtained hybridomas, and after 1 to 2 weeks, abdominal fluid containing 4 to 7 mg/ml of monoclonal antibody was successfully obtained. The abdominal fluid obtained was salted out by 40% saturated ammonium sulfate, and IgG class antibodies were adsorbed to Protein A Affigel (Bio-Rad) and purified by elution with a 0.1M citric acid buffer, pH 5.

(h) Determination of Monoclonal Antibody Class and Subclass

In accordance with the above-discussed ELISA, the supernatant of monoclonal antibodies obtained in section (f) were added to microtitration plates respectively coated with polypeptide A, polypeptide B or polypeptide C. After washing with PBS, isotype-specific rabbit anti-mouse IgG antibodies (Zymed Lab.) were added. After washing with PBS, horseradish peroxidase-labeled goat anti-rabbit IgG (H+L) was added, and class and subclass were determined using hydrogen peroxide and 2,2'-azino-di(3-ethylbenzthiazolinic acid) as a substrate.

(i) Specificity of Anti-MT-MMP Monoclonal Antibodies

The cross-reactivity of five varieties of anti-MT-MMP monoclonal antibodies (monoclonal numbers 113-5B7, 113-15E7, 114-1F1, 114-2F2 and 118-3B1) exhibiting a positive reaction against a human MT-MMP peptide was determined by the ELISA noted in the foregoing section (e), using as respective antigens: proMMP-1 (Clin. Chim. Acta, 219:1-14, 1993), proMMP-2 (Clin. Chim. Acta, 221:91-103, 1993) and proMMP-3 (Clin. Chim. Acta, 211:59-72, 1992) respectively purified from the supernatant of normal human skin fibroblast (NB1RGB) culture; proMMP-7 purified from the supernatant of human rectal carcinoma cell (CaR-1) culture (Cancer Res., 50:7758-7764, 1990), proMMP-8 purified from human neutrophils (Biol. Chem. Hoppe-Seyler, 371 supp:295-304, 1990) and proMMP-9 purified from the supernatant of human fibrosarcoma cells (HT1080) culture (J. Biol. Chem., 267: 21712-21719, 1992).

Specifically, using a polystyrene 96-well plate, each well was coated by adding 50 ng/well of purified MMP-1, MMP-2, MMP-3, MMP-7, MMP-8 and MMP-9, respectively. Washing was performed with PBS for washing and non-adsorbed antigen was removed, and the uncoated portion of each well was blocked with PBS containing 3% skim milk. 1 µg/well of each MT-MMP monoclonal antibody was respectively added to each well and stood at room temperature for approximately 1 hour. After washing plate, peroxidase-labeled goat anti-mouse immunoglobulin was added as a secondary antibody, and the plate was again stood at room temperature for approximately 1 hour. A substrate of hydrogen peroxide and o-phenylene

diamine was added, and the degree of color development was measured absorbance at 492 nm using a microplate light absorbency measuring device (MRP-A4, Tosoh).

In results, as shown in Table 3, each anti-MT-MMP monoclonal antibody showed no reactivity against purified MMPs other than the MT-MMP supplied for testing.

TABLE 1

<u>Polypeptide</u>	<u>Monoclon No.</u>	<u>Subclass/Chain</u>
A	114-1F2	$\gamma 1 / \kappa$
	114-2F2	$\gamma 1 / \kappa$
	114-3H7	$\gamma 1 / \kappa$
	114-5E4	$\gamma 1 / \kappa$
	114-6G6	$\gamma 1 / \kappa$
	114-8D10	$\gamma 1 / \kappa$
	114-9H3	μ / κ
	114-15E8	$\gamma 1 / \kappa$
	114-16C11	$\gamma 1 / \kappa$
	114-18E4	$\gamma 1 / \kappa$
	114-19F11	$\gamma 1 / \kappa$
	114-20H5	μ / κ
B	113-1E3	$\gamma 3 / \kappa$
	113-2E9	$\gamma 3 / \kappa$
	113-3F6	$\gamma 2b / \kappa$
	113-4H7	$\gamma 3 / \kappa$
	113-5B7	$\gamma 3 / \kappa$
	113-7C6	$\gamma 2b / \kappa$
	113-9G9	$\gamma 3 / \kappa$
	113-10F2	$\gamma 3 / \kappa$
	113-13G11	$\gamma 3 / \kappa$
	113-15E7	$\gamma 3 / \kappa$
	113-16H8	$\gamma 3 / \kappa$
	113-17G12	μ / κ
	113-19A10	μ / κ
	113-20G11	$\gamma 3 / \kappa$
	113-21H3	$\gamma 1 / \kappa$
	113-26D3	μ / κ
	113-44C1	$\gamma 1 / \kappa$
	113-46B7	$\gamma 1 / \kappa$
	113-53G5	μ / κ
	113-63E8	$\gamma 1 / \kappa$

TABLE 2

<u>Polypeptide</u>	<u>Monoclon No.</u>	<u>Subclass/Chain</u>
C	118-3B1	$\gamma 2b/\kappa$
	118-6F3	$\gamma 2b/\kappa$
	118-8D11	$\gamma 1/\kappa$
	118-9B11	$\gamma 1/\kappa$
	118-13D11	α/κ
	118-18C12	$\gamma 1/\kappa$
	118-20A3	$\gamma 2b/\kappa$
	118-25C3	$\gamma 1/\kappa$
	118-26F5	$\gamma 3/\kappa$

TABLE 3

Monoclon No.	Cross reactivity					
	MMP-1	MMP-2	MMP-3	MMP-7	MMP-8	MMP-9
113-5B7	-	-	-	-	-	-
113-15E7	-	-	-	-	-	-
114-1F2	-	-	-	-	-	-
114-2F2	-	-	-	-	-	-
118-3B1	-	-	-	-	-	-

- :No reaction

Working Example 4 Expression and Identification of Gene Product

By means of EcoR I cleavage, an insertion fragment was excised from the recombinant pBluescript containing a cloned MT-MMP gene, constructed in section (f) of Working Example 1. Cloning was then carried out at an EcoR I site

of the eukaryotic expression vector pSG5 (Stratagene). Then, human fibrosarcoma cells (HT1080) were transfected with said recombinant pSG5 by a calcium phosphate method. Specifically, 20 µg of recombinant pSG5 and 62 µl of 2M CaCl₂ was added to distilled water, and 2x HBSP solution (50mM HEPES buffer, pH 7.1 containing 1.5mM Na₂HPO₄, 10mM KCl, 280mM NaCl and 12mM glucose) was added to the bottom of the tube to form a total volume of 1 ml. This material was mixed, stood at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes, and thorough precipitate formation was carried out. The precipitate was dispersed by pipetting, added dropwise to HT1080 cells and incubated for approximately 4 hours in a CO₂ incubator. Next, the culture medium was removed, a 15% glycerol solution was added and treated for 1 to 3 hours, the glycerol was discarded by suction, washed with PBS and fresh culture medium containing ³⁵S-methionine was added. Culturing was continued, and cellular proteins were labeled by ³⁵S. Incidentally, expression of MT-MMP genes in HT1080 cells cannot be detected by Northern Blot analysis.

The cells were incubated for 1 hour at 4°C in a lysing buffer solution (0.01M Tris-HCl buffer, pH 8 containing 1% Triton X-100, 1% bovine hemoglobin, 1mM iodoacetamide, 0.2U trypsin inhibitor, 1mM PMSF and 0.14M NaCl). The cell lysate was centrifuged and the supernatant was recovered. Sepharose-4B (Pharmacia) coupled with a monoclonal antibody obtained in Working Example 3 was added to the supernatant, the material was incubated at 4°C for 2 hours with

agitation, and immunoprecipitation was carried out. Monoclonal antibodies against polypeptide A used in immunoprecipitation were two of the 12 obtained in Working Example 3 which had low non-specific reactivity (monoclonal numbers 114-1F2 and 114-2F2 [Assignment No. FERM BP-4743]). Next, Sepharose 4B coupled with monoclonal antibodies subjected to immunoprecipitation were precipitated by centrifugation, washed three times with a washing solution (0.01M Tris-HCl buffer, pH 8 containing 1% Triton X-100, 1% bovine hemoglobin and 0.14M NaCl), and lastly, washed with 0.05M Tris-HCl buffer, pH 6.8. A sample buffer for SDS polyacrylamide electrophoresis was added to washed Sepharose-4B coupled with a monoclonal antibody, boiled 5 minutes at 100°C, and SDS polyacrylamide electrophoresis was carried out. The electrophoresed gel was layered with X-ray film (Kodak XR), 1 week autoradiography was then carried out at -70°C, and the developed X-ray films were traced by a densitometer to measure signal intensity. With each of the anti-MT-MMP monoclonal antibodies used (monoclonal numbers 114-1F2 and 114-2F2), the immunoprecipitate contained a 63 kDa protein. In cells transfected with a pSG5 vector alone not containing an MT-MMP gene as a control, anti-MT-MMP monoclonal antibodies (monoclonal numbers 114-1F2 and 114-2F2) did not precipitate a 63 kDa protein. The 63 kDa molecular weight of the protein detected by immunoprecipitation nearly matched a molecular weight of 65.78 kDa calculated from the amino acid sequence denoted by

Sequence Sheet sequence number 1. In addition, a variant MT-MMP expression plasmid was constructed in which amino acids from position 13 to position 101 were deleted from the amino acid sequence denoted by Sequence Sheet sequence number 1, HT1080 cells was transfected with said variant as stated above, and immunoprecipitation was carried out. With HT1080 cells to which the variant MT-MMP gene was introduced, a 63 kDa protein was not detected, and a 55 kDa protein was detected. This molecular weight matched a molecular weight predicted from the introduced deletion.

EXPERIMENTAL EXAMPLE

(a) Activation of proMMP-2 by MT-MMP Expression

Recombinant pSG5 carrying a cloned MT-MMP gene, constructed in Working Example 4, and a pSG5 vector alone, serving as a control, similarly transfected into HT1080 cells by the calcium phosphate method mentioned in Working Example 4, or into mouse embryonic fibroblasts NIH3T3. However, a regular fresh culture medium was used in lieu of the fresh culture medium containing ^{35}S -methionine. Both the HT1080 cells and the NIH3T3 cells secreted proMMP-2 and proMMP-9 (corresponding respectively to the 66 kDa and 97.4 kDa bands in Figure 6), and in cells transfected with an MT-MMP gene, MT-MMP expression was confirmed by immunoprecipitation experiments (See Working Example 4).

The transfectants obtained were cultured for 24 hours in a serum free medium and the recovered culture supernatant

was supplied for zymography. The culture supernatant was mixed with an SDS polyacrylamide electrophoresis buffer (non-reducing condition) and left at 4°C overnight. Electrophoresis was then performed at 4°C, with a 20 mA current, using a 10% polyacrylamide gel containing 1 mg/ml casein. After electrophoresis, the gel was washed with a gelatinase-buffer (Tris-HCl buffer, pH 7.6 containing 5mM CaCl₂ and 1 µM ZnSO₄) containing 2.5% Triton X-100 with gentle agitation for 15 minutes, and this operation was repeated twice. Next, the gel was immersed in a gelatinase-buffer containing 1% Triton X-100 and stood at 37°C overnight. The buffer was discarded and the gel was stained for 1 hour with 0.02% Coomassie Brilliant Blue-R (dissolved in 50% methanol/10% acetic acid) and destained by immersion in a destaining solution (5% methanol, 7.5% acetic acid).

As shown in Figure 6, MT-MMP gene-transfected HT1080 cells produced new 64 kDa and 62 kDa bands, confirming proMMP-2 activation. This active-form MMP-2 exhibited the same molecular weight as an active-form MMP-2 molecule induced by treatment of cells with 100 µg/ml of concanavalin A and reacted specifically against anti-MMP-2 monoclonal antibodies. This activation was not observed in a control transfected with a vector alone. Likewise, proMMP-9 showed no change in molecular weight and no activation similar to that observed in control cells. Such activation of proMMP-2 depending on MT-MMP expression was also observed in MT-MMP gene-transfected NIH3T3 cells.

(b) Activation of ProMMP-2 by MT-MMP Expression Cell Membrane Fraction

In a manner similar to that noted in the above section (a), African green monkey kidney-derived COS-1 cells were transfected with recombinant pSG5 containing cloned MT-MMP gene, or with control pSG5 vector alone by a calcium phosphate method. A cell membrane fraction was then prepared from the obtained transfectant according to the method of Strongin et al. (J. Biol. Chem., 268:14033-14039, 1993).

The transfectant was washed with PBS, and cells were harvested by centrifugation and suspended in a 25mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 7.4 containing 8.5% sucrose, 50mM NaCl, 10mM N-ethylmaleimide, 10 µg/ml aprotinin, 1 µg/ml pepstatin A, 1 µg/ml leupeptin and 1mM phenylmethanesulfonyl fluoride. The cell suspension was homogenized in a Dounce homogenizer, and the homogenate was centrifuged (3000x g, 10 min., 4°C). The resulting supernatant was ultracentrifuged (100,000x g, 2 hours) and the precipitate was suspended in a 25mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 7.4 containing 50mM NaCl, 10mM N-ethylmaleimide, 10 µg/ml aprotinin, 1 µg/ml pepstatin A, 1 µg/ml leupeptin and 1mM phenylmethanesulfonyl fluoride. This suspension was fractionated by discontinuous sucrose density gradient centrifugation (20, 30, 50, 60% sucrose solutions; 100,000x g; 2 hours; 4°C), and bands of cell membrane fractions appeared were recovered. These fractions

were precipitated again by ultracentrifugation (100,000x g, 2 hours), suspended in 25mM HEPES/KOH buffer, pH 7.5 containing 0.1mM CaCl₂ and 0.25% Triton X-100, and adjusted to a final protein concentration of 1-2 mg/ml. This suspension was ultracentrifuged (100,000x g, 1.5 hours, 4°C) to remove insoluble residue, and the supernatant obtained was taken as a cell membrane fraction.

Cell membrane fractions (protein content 20 µg) respectively prepared from untreated COS-1 cells or from COS-1 cells transfected with pSG5 vector alone or pSG5 vector with an MT-MMP gene were incubated with HT1080 cell culture supernatant at 37°C for 2 hours. Using these samples, the zymography noted in the above section (a) was performed.

In the results, new 64 kDa and 62 kDa bands appeared and the activation of proMMP-2 present in HT1080 cell culture supernatant was observed only when cell membrane fractions derived from MT-MMP gene-transfected COS-1 cells were used (see Figure 7), and the activation of proMMP-2 was inhibited by the addition of recombinant (r) human TIMP-2. These results exhibited the activation of proMMP-2 by MT-MMP expressed on a cell membrane.

(c) Stimulation of cellular invasion *in vitro* due to MT-MMP expression

Invasion of cells was assayed by modified Boyden Chamber method (Cancer Res., 47:3239-3245, 1987), and

operations were carried out in accordance with the manufacture's instructions for a Biocoat Matrigel Invasion Chamber (Becton Dickinson).

In a manner similar to that noted in the foregoing section (a), HT1080 cells or NIH3T3 cells were transfected with recombinant pSG5 carrying a cloned MT-MMP gene, or a control pSG5 vector alone, by a calcium phosphate method, and each of these host cells secreted proMMP-2. The resulting transfectants were then suspended in DMEM medium containing 0.1% BSA, and 2×10^5 cells were seeded onto an uncoated filter (pore size 8 μ m) or a preswelled Matrigel Coat filter in a Biocoat Matrigel Invasion Chambers. After 24 hours incubation in a CO₂ incubator at 37°C, the filters were fixed by 10 seconds immersion in methanol. The filters were then stained by hematoxylin for 3 minutes, washed, and stained by eosin for 10 seconds, and the number of cells invaded the bottom surface of the filters were counted under a light microscope (at a magnification of x 400).

In the MT-MMP gene-transfected HT1080 cells and NIH3T3 cells, more than twice as many invading cells were seen compared to cells transfected with the control vector alone (See Figure 8 Matrigel). Specifically, MT-MMP expression was seen to stimulate cellular invasion. Furthermore, the addition of 10 μ g/ml of r-human TIMP-2 to this assay system clearly suppressed cellular invasion (see Figure 8 Matrigel+r-human TIMP-2).

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Figure 1 shows hydrophilic and hydrophobic distribution diagrams for the amino acid sequence of MT-MMP, according to the Kyte-Doolittle method.

Figures 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G and 2H are figures comparing sequential homology between the amino acid sequences of MT-MMP and those of the known MMP family (MMP-1, MMP-2, MMP-3, MMP-7, MMP-8, MMP-9, MMP-10 and MMP-11). Letters in each figure indicate respective amino acids; A corresponding to Ala, C to Cys, D to Asp, E to Glu, F to Phe, G to Gly, H to His, I to Ile, K to Lys, L to Leu, M to Met, N to Asn, P to Pro, Q to Gln, R to Arg, S to Ser, T to Thr, V to Val, W to Trp and Y to Tyr. Figures 2A through 2H are an integral unit and comprise a single figure.

Figure 3 shows a relative expression of MT-MMP mRNA in various human tissues, according to Northern blot analysis.

Figure 4 shows a relative expression of MT-MMP mRNA in a normal tissue and a tumour tissue of two samples of human lung squamous cell carcinoma, according to Northern blot analysis.

Figure 5 shows results for detection, by immunoprecipitation, of MT-MMP proteins expressed in HT1080 cells transfected with MT-MMP cDNA. The figure shows a scan by a densitometer, and the darkened areas indicate the location of MT-MMP immunoprecipitated by anti-MT-MMP monoclonal antibody.

Figure 6 shows an activation of proMMP-2 by expression of MT-MMP, according to zymography of culture supernatant from HT1080 and NIH3T3 cells transfected with MT-MMP cDNA.

Figure 7 shows an activation of proMMP-2 by a cell membrane fraction of COS-1 cells transfected with MT-MMP cDNA, according to zymography.

Figure 8 shows a stimulation of the cellular invasion by expression of MT-MMP, according to a partially modified Boyden chamber method.

[Sequence Sheet 1]

Sequence No.: 1

Length of sequence: 582

Type of sequence: Amino acid

Topology: Linear

Class of sequence: Protein

Sequence

Met	Ser	Pro	Ala	Pro	Arg	Pro	Ser	Arg	Cys	Leu	Leu	Leu	Pro	Leu
1				5					10					15
Leu	Thr	Leu	Gly	Thr	Ala	Leu	Ala	Ser	Leu	Gly	Ser	Ala	Gln	Ser
				20					25					30
Ser	Ser	Phe	Ser	Pro	Glu	Ala	Trp	Leu	Gln	Gln	Tyr	Gly	Tyr	Leu
				35					40					45
Pro	Pro	Gly	Asp	Leu	Arg	Thr	His	Thr	Gln	Arg	Ser	Pro	Gln	Ser
				50					55					60
Leu	Ser	Ala	Ala	Ile	Ala	Ala	Met	Gln	Lys	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Leu	Gln
				65					70					75
Val	Thr	Gly	Lys	Ala	Asp	Ala	Asp	Thr	Met	Lys	Ala	Met	Arg	Arg
				80					85					90
Pro	Arg	Cys	Gly	Val	Pro	Asp	Lys	Phe	Gly	Ala	Glu	Ile	Lys	Ala
				95					100					105
Asn	Val	Arg	Arg	Lys	Arg	Tyr	Ala	Ile	Gln	Gly	Leu	Lys	Trp	Gln
				110					115					120
His	Asn	Glu	Ile	Thr	Phe	Cys	Ile	Gln	Asn	Tyr	Thr	Pro	Lys	Val
				125					130					135
Gly	Glu	Tyr	Ala	Thr	Tyr	Glu	Ala	Ile	Arg	Lys	Ala	Phe	Arg	Val
				140					145					150
Trp	Glu	Ser	Ala	Thr	Pro	Leu	Arg	Phe	Arg	Glu	Val	Pro	Tyr	Ala
				155					160					165

[Sequence Sheet 2]

Sequence No.: 1 (continued)

Tyr Ile Arg Glu Gly His Glu Lys Gln Ala Asp Ile Met Ile Phe		
170	175	180
Phe Ala Glu Gly Phe His Gly Asp Ser Thr Pro Phe Asp Gly Glu		
185	190	195
Gly Gly Phe Leu Ala His Ala Tyr Phe Pro Gly Pro Asn Ile Gly		
200	205	210
Gly Asp Thr His Phe Asp Ser Ala Glu Pro Trp Thr Val Arg Asn		
215	220	225
Glu Asp Leu Asn Gly Asn Asp Ile Phe Leu Val Ala Val His Glu		
230	235	240
Leu Gly His Ala Leu Gly Leu Glu His Ser Ser Asp Pro Ser Ala		
245	250	255
Ile Met Ala Pro Phe Tyr Gln Trp Met Asp Thr Glu Asn Phe Val		
260	265	270
Leu Pro Asp Asp Asp Arg Arg Gly Ile Gln Gln Leu Tyr Gly Gly		
275	280	285
Glu Ser Gly Phe Pro Thr Lys Met Pro Pro Gln Pro Arg Thr Thr		
290	295	300
Ser Arg Pro Ser Val Pro Asp Lys Pro Lys Asn Pro Thr Tyr Gly		
305	310	315
Pro Asn Ile Cys Asp Gly Asn Phe Asp Thr Val Ala Met Leu Arg		
320	325	330
Gly Glu Met Phe Val Phe Lys Lys Arg Trp Phe Trp Arg Val Arg		
335	340	345
Asn Asn Gln Val Met Asp Gly Tyr Pro Met Pro Ile Gly Gln Phe		
350	355	360
Trp Arg Gly Leu Pro Ala Ser Ile Asn Thr Ala Tyr Glu Arg Lys		
365	370	375

[Sequence Sheet 3]

Sequence No.: 1 (continued)

Asp Gly Lys Phe Val Phe Phe Lys Gly Asp Lys His Trp Val Phe

380 385 390

Asp Glu Ala Ser Leu Glu Pro Gly Tyr Pro Lys His Ile Lys Glu

395 400 405

Leu Gly Arg Gly Leu Pro Thr Asp Lys Ile Asp Ala Ala Leu Phe

410 415 420

Trp Met Pro Asn Gly Lys Thr Tyr Phe Phe Arg Gly Asn Lys Tyr

425 430 435

Tyr Arg Phe Asn Glu Glu Leu Arg Ala Val Asp Ser Glu Tyr Pro

440 445 450

Lys Asn Ile Lys Val Trp Glu Gly Ile Pro Glu Ser Pro Arg Gly

455 460 465

Ser Phe Met Gly Ser Asp Glu Val Phe Thr Tyr Phe Tyr Lys Gly

470 475 480

Asn Lys Tyr Trp Lys Phe Asn Asn Gln Lys Leu Lys Val Glu Pro

485 490 495

Gly Tyr Pro Lys Ser Ala Leu Arg Asp Trp Met Gly Cys Pro Ser

500 505 510

Gly Gly Arg Pro Asp Glu Gly Thr Glu Glu Glu Thr Glu Val Ile

515 520 525

Ile Ile Glu Val Asp Glu Glu Gly Gly Gly Ala Val Ser Ala Ala

530 535 540

Ala Val Val Leu Pro Val Leu Leu Leu Leu Leu Val Leu Ala Val

545 550 555

Gly Leu Ala Val Phe Phe Phe Arg Arg His Gly Thr Pro Arg Arg

560 565 570

Leu Leu Tyr Lys Gln Arg Ser Leu Leu Asp Lys Val

575 580

[Sequence Sheet 4]

Sequence No.: 2

Length of sequence: 3403

Type of sequence: Nucleic acid

Number of chain: Double strand

Topology: Linear

Class of sequence: cDNA to mRNA

Origin:

Species: Human

Tissue: Placenta

[Sequence Sheet 5]

Sequence No.: 2 (continued)

AGTTCAGTGCCTACC	GAAGACAAAGGCGCC	CCGAGGGAGTGGCGG	TGCGACCCCAGGGCG	60
TGGGCCCCGGCCGGG AGCCACACTGCCCCG CTGACCCGGTGGTCT CGGACCATGTCTCCC				120
				MetSerPro
				/
GCCCCAAGACCCTCC	CGTTGTCTCCTGCTC	CCCCTGCTCAGGCTC	GGCACCGCGCTCGCC	180
AlaProArgProSer	ArgCysLeuLeuLeu	ProLeuLeuThrLeu	GlyThrAlaLeuAla	
5	10	15	20	
TCCCTCGGCTCGGCC	CAAAGCAGCAGCTTC	AGCCCCGAAGCCTGG	CTACAGCAATATGGC	240
SerLeuGlySerAla	GlnSerSerSerPhe	SerProGluAlaTrp	LeuGlnGlnTyrGly	
25	30	35	40	
TACCTGCCTCCCGGG	GACCTACGTACCCAC	ACACAGCGCTCACCC	CAGTCACTCTCAGCG	300
TyrLeuProProGly	AspLeuArgThrHis	ThrGlnArgSerPro	GlnSerLeuSerAla	
45	50	55	60	
GCCATCGCTGCCATG	CAGAACTTTTACGGC	TTGCAAGTAACAGGC	AAAGCTGATGCAGAC	360
AlaIleAlaAlaMet	GlnLysPheTyrGly	LeuGlnValThrGly	LysAlaAspAlaAsp	
65	70	75	80	
ACCATGAAGGCCATG	AGGCGCCCCCGATGT	GGTGTTCAGACAAG	TTTGGGGCTGAGATC	420
ThrMetLysAlaMet	ArgArgProArgCys	GlyValProAspLys	PheGlyAlaGluIle	
85	90	95	100	
AAGGCCAATGTTCGA	AGGAAGCGCTACGCC	ATCCAGGGTCTCAAA	TGGCAACATAATGAA	480
LysAlaAsnValArg	ArgLysArgTyrAla	IleGlnGlyLeuLys	TrpGlnHisAsnGlu	
105	110	115	120	
ATTACTTTCTGCATC	CAGAATTACACCCCC	AAGGTGGGCGAGTAT	GCCACATACGAGGCC	540
IleThrPheCysIle	GlnAsnTyrThrPro	LysValGlyGluTyr	AlaThrTyrGluAla	
125	130	135	140	
ATTCGCAAGGCGTTC	CGCGTGTGGGAGAGT	GCCACACCACTGCGC	TTCCGCGAGGTGCCC	600
IleArgLysAlaPhe	ArgValTrpGluSer	AlaThrProLeuArg	PheArgGluValPro	
145	150	155	160	
TATGCCTACATCCGT	GAGGGCCATGAGAAG	CAGGCCGACATCATG	ATCTTCTTTGCCGAG	660
TyrAlaTyrIleArg	GluGlyHisGluLys	GlnAlaAspIleMet	IlePhePheAlaGlu	
165	170	175	180	

[Sequence Sheet 6]

Sequence No.: 2 (continued)

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GCCCTGGGGCTCGAG AlaLeuGlyLeuGlu 245	CATTCCAGTGACCCC HisSerSerAspPro 250	TCGGCCATCATGGCA SerAlaIleMetAla 255	CCCTTTTACCAGTGG ProPheTyrGlnTrp 260	900
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CTGCCTGCGTCCATC LeuProAlaSerIle 365	AACACTGCCTACGAG AsnThrAlaTyrGlu 370	AGGAAGGATGGCAA ArgLysAspGlyLys 375	TTCGTCTTCTTCAA PheValPhePheLys 380	1260
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[Sequence Sheet 7]

Sequence No.: 2 (continued)

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405	410	415	420	
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AsnGlyLysThrTyr	PhePheArgGlyAsn	LysTyrTyrArgPhe	AsnGluGluLeuArg	
425	430	435	440	
GCAGTGGATAGCGAG	TACCCCAAGAACATC	AAAGTCTGGGAAGGG	ATCCCTGAGTCTCCC	1500
AlaValAspSerGlu	TyrProLysAsnIle	LysValTrpGluGly	IleProGluSerPro	
445	450	455	460	
AGAGGGTCATTCATC	GGCAGCGATGAAGTC	TTCATTACTTCTAC	AAGGGGAACAAATAC	1560
ArgGlySerPheMet	GlySerAspGluVal	PheThrTyrPheTyr	LysGlyAsnLysTyr	
465	470	475	480	
TGGAAATTCAACAAC	CAGAACTGAAGGTA	GAACCGGGCTACCCC	AAGTCAGCCCTGAGG	1620
TrpLysPheAsnAsn	GlnLysLeuLysVal	GluProGlyTyrPro	LysSerAlaLeuArg	
485	490	495	500	
GACTGGATGGGCTGC	CCATCGGGAGGCCGG	CCGGATGAGGGGACT	GAGGAGGAGACGGAG	1680
AspTrpMetGlyCys	ProSerGlyGlyArg	ProAspGluGlyThr	GluGluGluThrGlu	
505	510	515	520	
GTGATCATCATTGAG	GTGGACGAGGAGGGC	GCGGGGCGGTGAGC	GCGGCTGCCGTGGTG	1740
ValIleIleIleGlu	ValAspGluGluGly	GlyGlyAlaValSer	AlaAlaAlaValVal	
525	530	535	540	
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LeuProValLeuLeu	LeuLeuLeuValLeu	AlaValGlyLeuAla	ValPhePhePheArg	
545	550	555	560	
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ArgHisGlyThrPro	ArgArgLeuLeuTyr	CysGlnArgSerLeu	LeuAspLysVal...	
565	570	575	580	
CGCCCATCCGCCGGC	CGCCCACTCCTACC	ACAAGGACTTTGCCT	CTGAAGGCCAGTGGC	1920
AGCAGGTGGTGGTGG	GTGGGCTGCTCCCAT	CGTCCCAGCCCCCT	CCCCGCAGCCTCCTT	1980

[Sequence Sheet 8]

Sequence No.: 2 (continued)

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CATCTGCTCCTTTTC CATCCCCTGACATAC CTTAACCTCTGAACT CTGACCTCAGGAGGC	2280
TCTGGGGAACCTCCAG CCCTGAAAGCCCCAG GTGTACCCAATTGGC AGCCTCTCACTACTC	2340
TTTCTGGCTAAAAGG AATCTAATCTTGTTG AGGGTAGAGACCCTG AGACAGTGTGAGGGG	2400
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CTCAGTCAGTCAAGT TCCTCGGAGATCTT CTCTGCCTCACCTAC CCCAGGGAACCTCCA	2520
AGGAAGGAGCCTGAG CCACTGGGGACTAAG TGGGCAGAAGAAACC CTTGGCAGCCCTGTG	2580
CCTCTCGAATGTTAG CCTTGGATGGGGCTT TCACAGTTAGAAGAG CTGAAACCAGGGGTG	2640

[Sequence Sheet 9]

Sequence No.: 2 (continued)

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CTTAAGGCCACAGAG AAAGAACCTTGCCCA AACTCAGGCAGCTGG GGCTGAGGCCCAAAG 2760

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GTGGAGCTCTCAGGA AAGGGCCCTGAGGAAG GCACACTTGCTCCTG TTGGTCCCTGTCCTT 2940

GCTGCCCAGGCAGGG TGGAGGGGAAGGGTA GGGCAGCCAGAGAAA GGAGCAGAGAAGGCA 3000

CACAAACGAGGAATG AAGGGCTTCACGAGA GGCCACAGGGCCTGG CTGGCCACGCTGTCC 3060

CGGCCTGCTCACCAT CTCAGTGAGGGACAG GAGCTGGGGCTGCTT AGGCTGGGTCCACGC 3120

TTCCCTGGTGCCAGC ACCCCTCAAGCCTGT CTCACCAGTGGCCTG CCCTCTCGCTCCCCC 3180

ACCCAGCCCACCCAT TGAAGTCTCCTTGGG TCCCAAAGGTGGGCA TGGTACCGGGGACTT 3240

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GTAGGGGAAATGGCG TGAACGGTGCTGGCA GTTCGGCTAGATTTC TGTCTTGTTTGT TTT 3360

TTTGTTTTGTTTAAAT GTATATTTTTATTAT AATTATTATATAT

[Sequence Sheet 10]

Sequence No.: 3

Length of sequence: 7

Type of sequence: Amino acid

Topology: Linear

Class of sequence: Peptide

Fragment type: Intermediate fragment

Sequence

Pro Arg Cys Gly Val Pro Asp

1

5

[Sequence Sheet 11]

Sequence No.: 4

Length of sequence: 9

Type of sequence: Amino acid

Topology: Linear

Class of sequence: Peptide

Fragment type: Intermediate fragment

Sequence

Gly Asp Ala His Phe Asp Asp Asp Glu

1

5

[Sequence Sheet 12]

Sequence No.: 5

Length of sequence: 20

Type of sequence: Nucleic acid

Number of chain: Double strand

Topology: Linear

Class of sequence: Other nucleic acid, synthetic DNA

Sequence

CC (C/A) (C/A) G (G/A/C) TG (T/C) (C/G) G (G/A/C) (G/A) (A/T) (G/C/T) CC
(T/A) GA

[Sequence Sheet 13]

Sequence No.: 6

Length of sequence: 25

Type of sequence: Nucleic acid

Number of chain: Double strand

Topology: Linear

Class of sequence: Other nucleic acid, synthetic DNA

Sequence

(T/C) TC (G/A) T (G/C) (G/A/C) TC (G/A) TC (G/A) AA (G/A) TG (G/A) (G/A)
(C/A/T) (G/A) TC (T/C)

[Sequence Sheet 14]

Sequence No.: 7

Length of sequence: 27

Type of sequence: Amino acid

Topology: Linear

Class of sequence: Peptide

Fragment type: Intermediate fragment

Sequence

Gly	Gly	Gly	Ala	Val	Ser	Ala	Ala	Ala	Val
1				5					10
Val	Leu	Pro	Val	Leu	Leu	Leu	Leu	Leu	Val
				15					20
Leu	Ala	Val	Gly	Leu	Ala	Val	Phe	Phe	Phe
				25					

[Sequence Sheet 15]

Sequence No.: 8

Length of sequence: 14

Type of sequence: Amino acid

Topology: Linear

Class of sequence: Peptide

Sequence

Arg	Glu	Val	Pro	Tyr	Ala	Tyr	Ile	Arg	Glu
1				5					10
Gly	His	Glu	Lys						

[Sequence Sheet 16]

Sequence No.: 9

Length of sequence: 14

Type of sequence: Amino acid

Topology: Linear

Class of sequence: Peptide

Sequence

Asp	Gly	Asn	Phe	Asp	Thr	Val	Ala	Met	Leu
1				5					10
Arg	Gly	Glu	Met						

[Sequence Sheet 17]

Sequence No.: 10

Length of sequence: 15

Type of sequence: Amino acid

Topology: Linear

Class of sequence: Peptide

Sequence

Pro	Lys	Ser	Ala	Leu	Arg	Asp	Trp	Met	Gly
1				5					10
Cys	Pro	Ser	Gly	Gly					
				15					

Claims

1. A native membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase characterized by a continuous sequence of hydrophobic amino acids peculiar to membrane-binding proteins from amino acid number 533 to 562 in the C terminus domain shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

2. A native membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase according to claim 1, characterized by the amino acid sequence from amino acid number 160 to 173, 320 to 333 and from 498 to 512 shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

3. A native membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase according to claim 1, characterized by the amino acid sequence from amino acid number 1 to 173, 320 to 333, 498 to 512 and 563 to 582 shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

4. A DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 2 which corresponds to the amino acid sequence of a membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase according to claim 1, 2 or 3.

5. A plasmid containing a DNA having the nucleotide sequence according to claim 4 and expressing a membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase according to claim 1, 2 or 3.

6. A host cell harbouring a plasmid containing a DNA having the nucleotide sequence according to claim 4, and expressing a membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase according to claim 1, 2 or 3.

7. Monoclonal antibodies which peculiarly recognize a membrane-type matrix-metalloproteinase according to claim 1, 2 or 3.

8. A protein having the amino acid sequence shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

9. A DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 2 which encodes a protein having the amino acid sequence shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

10. A plasmid containing a DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 2, and expressing the protein shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

11. A host cell harbouring a plasmid containing a DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 2, and expressing the protein shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

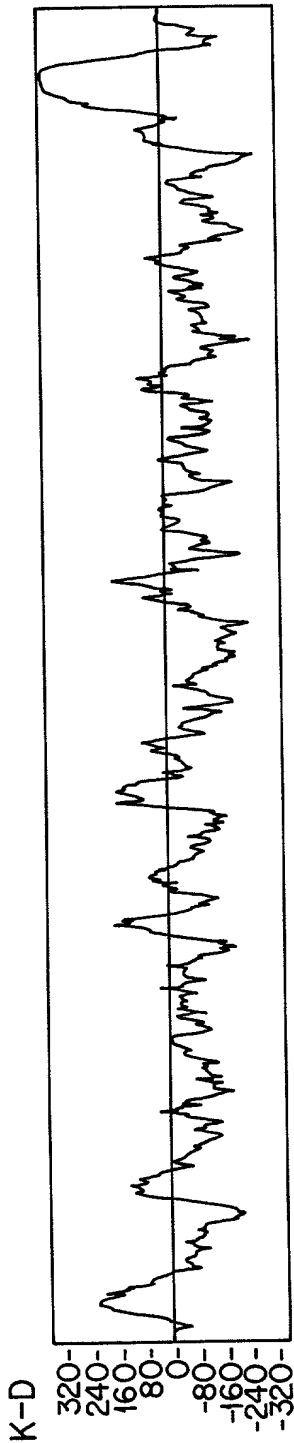
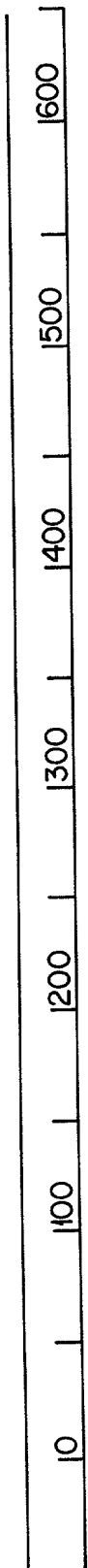
12. Monoclonal antibodies which peculiarly recognize a protein having the amino acid sequence shown in Sequence Sheet sequence number 1.

Abstract

A novel metalloproteinase, DNA encoding therefor, a plasmid carrying said DNA sequence and a host cell harbouring said plasmid, and monoclonal antibodies peculiarly recognizing said protein.

Useful in applications pertaining to diagnosis of the presence of tumour cells, the degree of cancer malignancy, and other medical and physiological fields.

Fig. 1



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Fig. 2A

MMP-11	MAPAAWLRSA	AARALLPPML	LLLLQPPPL-	-----LARA	33
MMP-1	MHS-----	-----FPPL	LLLLFWGVVS	EQDVDLVQKY	37
MMP-8	MFSLKTL---	-----PFL	LLHHVQISKA	KTVQD-----Y	36
MMP-10	MMHL-----	-----AFL	VLLCLPVCSA	DSNKDLAQOY	37
MMP-3	MKSL-----	-----PIL	LLLCVAVCSA	DTSMNLVQKY	37
MMP-9	MSLWQP----	---LVLVLV	LGCCFAAPRQ	DLRTNLTDRQ	43
MMP-2	-----	-----	-----AP--	DVAPK-TDKE	19
MMP-7	MR-----	---LTVLCAV	CLLPGSLALP	-----LQWE	33
MT-MMP	MSPAP-----	-----RPSR	CLLLPLLLTG	SSSFS-PEAW	38
Consensus	M...-----	-----P.I	LLL.....-	50
MMP-11	LPPDVHHL--	---HAERR-G	PQWHAALPS	TQEAPRPASS	74
MMP-1	L-EKYNLKN	DGRQVEKRRN	SGPVVEKLKQ	GKPDATLKV	86
MMP-8	L-EKFYQLPS	NQYQSTRKNG	TNVIVEKLKE	GKPNEETLDM	85
MMP-10	L-EKYNLEK	DVKQFRRK-D	SNLIVKKIQG	GKLDTDTEV	85
MMP-3	L-ENYIDLKK	DVKQFVRRKD	SGPVVKKIRE	GKLDSDTLEV	86
MMP-9	LAEEYLRYG	YTRVAEMRGE	SKSLGPALLL	GELDSATLKA	93
MMP-2	LAVQYLNTE-	YGCPE-SCN	LFVLKDTLKK	GDLDQNTIET	67
MMP-7	QAQDYLKRF-	YLYDSETK-N	ANSLEAKLKE	GMLNSRVIEI	81
MT-MMP	L-QQYGYLPP	GDLRTHTQRS	PQSLSAAIAA	GKADADTMKA	87
Consensus	L-E.Y..L..E....KL..	GKLD..TL..	100

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MMP-11	DDLPDFGPGG	ILAHAFPPKT	HREGDVHFDY	DETWTIGDDQ	GTD-----	208
MMP-1	DNSPFDGPGG	NLAHAFQPGP	GIGGDAHFE	DERWTNNFT-	EYN-----	211
MMP-8	DNSPFDGPNG	ILAHAFQPGQ	GIGGDAHFE	EETWTNTSA-	NYN-----	210
MMP-10	DFYSFDGPGH	VLAHAYPPGP	GLYCDIHFD	DEKWTEDAS-	GTN-----	210
MMP-3	DFYPDFGPGN	VLAHAYAPGP	GINGDAHFD	DEQWTKDTT-	GTN-----	211
MMP-9	DGYPDFGKDG	LLAHAFPPGP	GIQGDHFD	DELWSLGK-	VVPTREFNA	225
MMP-2	DGYPDFGKDG	LLAHAFAPGT	GVGDSHFDD	DELWTLGEG-	QVVRVKYNA	199
MMP-7	DSYPFDGPGN	TLAHAFAPGT	GLGDAHFE	DERWTDGSSL	GIN-----	207
MT-MMP	DSTPDFGEGG	FLAHAYFPGP	NIGDTHFDS	AEPWTVRNE-	DLN-----	229
Consensus	D.YPDFGPGG	.LAHAF.PGP	GIGDAHFD.	DE.WT....-	.N-----	250
MMP-11	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	208
MMP-1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	211
MMP-8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	210
MMP-10	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	210
MMP-3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	211
MMP-9	DGAACHFPFI	FEGRSYSACT	TDGRSDGLPW	CSTANYDTD	DREGFCPSER	275
MMP-2	DGEYCKFPFL	FNGKEYNSCT	DTGRSDGFLW	CSTYNFEKD	GKYGFCPHEA	249
MMP-7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	207
MT-MMP	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	229
Consensus	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	300

MMP-11	---	---	---	---	---	---	208
MMP-1	---	---	---	---	---	---	211
MMP-8	---	---	---	---	---	---	210
MMP-10	---	---	---	---	---	---	210
MMP-3	---	---	---	---	---	---	211
MMP-9	LYTRDGNADG	KPCQFPFIFQ	GQSYSACTTD	GRSDGYRWCA	TTANYDRDKL		325
MMP-2	LFTMGNAEG	QPCKFPRFQ	GTSYDSCITE	GRTDGYRWCG	TTEDYDRDKK		299
MMP-7	---	---	---	---	---	---	207
MT-MMP	---	---	---	---	---	---	229
Consensus	---	---	---	---	---	---	350

MMP-11	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	208
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MMP-7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	207
MT-MMP	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	229
Consensus	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	400

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Fig. 2E

MMP-11	-----	-----L	LQVAA-HEFG	HVLGLQHTTA	AKALMSAFY-	237
MMP-1	-----	-----L	HRVAA-HELG	HSLGLSHSTD	IGALMYPST-	240
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MT-MMP	-----	-----GNDI	FLVAV-HELG	HALGLEHSSD	PSAIMAPFY-	261
Consensus	-----	-----L	FLVAA-HE . G	HSLGL . HS . D	P . ALMYP . Y-	450
MMP-11	TF--RYPLSL	SPDDCRGVQH	LYG-----	-----	-----	258
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MMP-8	AFRETSNYSL	PQDDIDGIQA	IYG-----	-----	-----	262
MMP-10	SFTELAQFRL	SQDDVNGIQS	LYG-----	-----	-----	263
MMP-3	SLTDLTRFRL	SQDDINGIQS	LYG-----	-----	-----	264
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MMP-7	GNGDPQNFKL	SQDDIKIGIQK	LYGKRSNSRK	K-----	-----	267
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Consensus	. F F . L	SQDDI . GIQ .	LYG-----	-----	-----	500

Fig. 2F

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MMP-3	-----	-----P	PPDSPETP-L	VPTEP---VP	P-EFGTPANC	290
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MMP-2	-----	-----	---ASPD-I-D	LGTGP---TP	TLGPVTPEIC	440
MMP-7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	267
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Fig. 2G

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MMP-2	P-EKIDAVFE	APQEEKAVFF	AGNEYWIYSA	STLERG--YP	KPL-TSLGLP	533
MMP-7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	267
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MMP-8	GIES--KVDA	V--FQQEHFF	-----HV-FS	GPRYAFDLI	AQRVTRVA--	456
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MMP-10	---KSNSWLH	C-----	-----	-----	-----	476
MMP-9	---TYD-ILQ	CPE-----DX	-----	-----	-----	477
MMP-2	GSIKSD-WLG	C-----	-----	-----	-----	708
MMP-7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	267
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Fig. 3

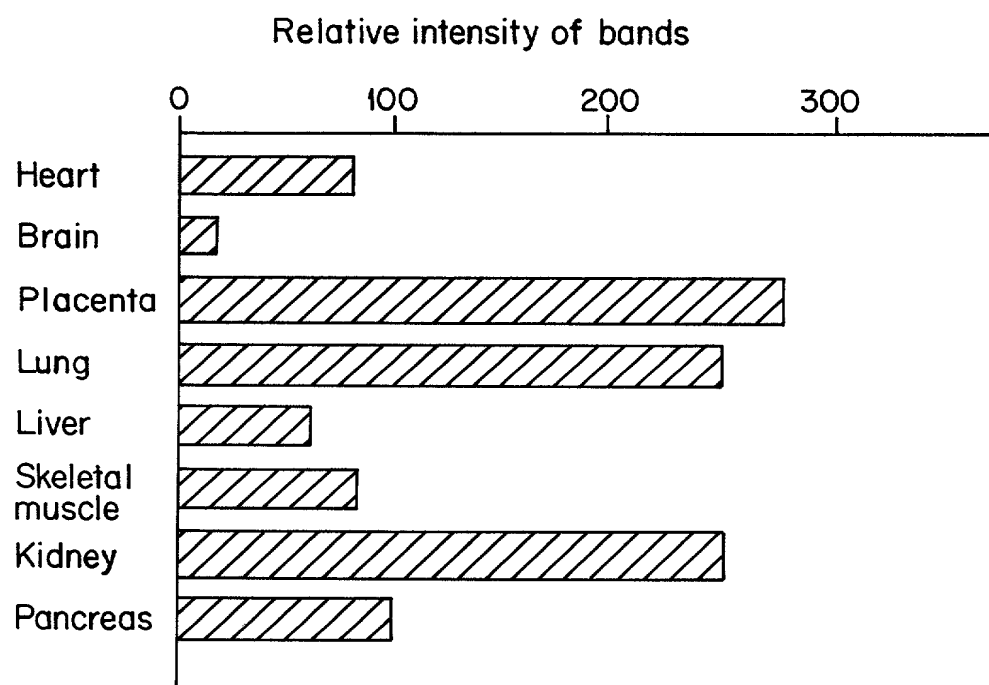


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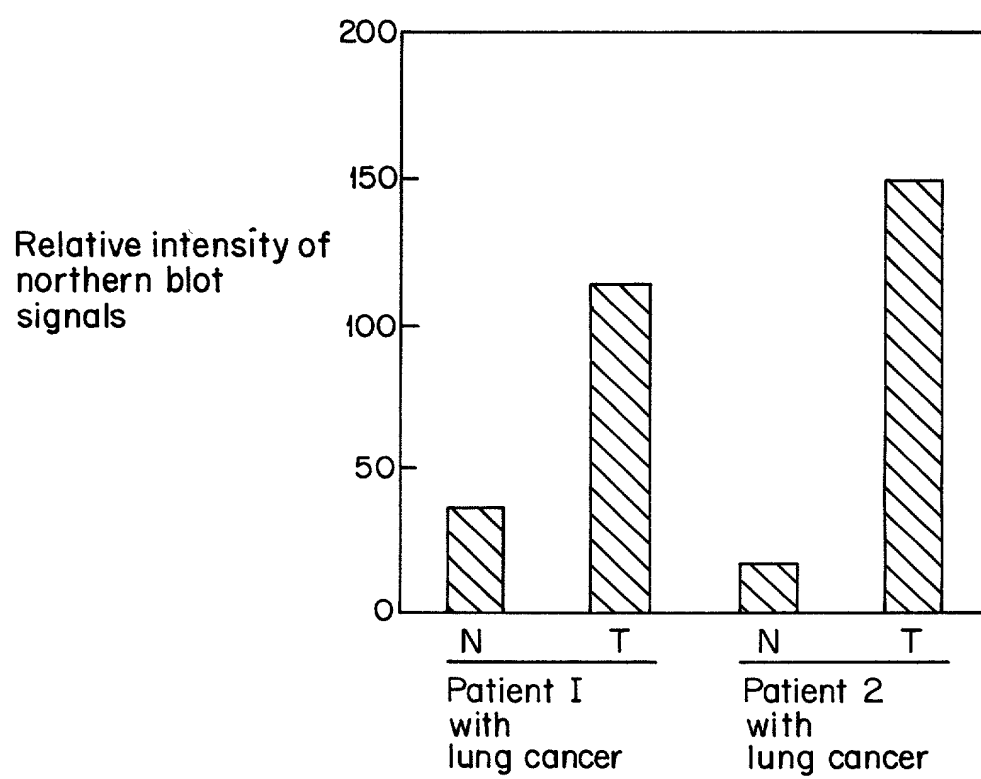


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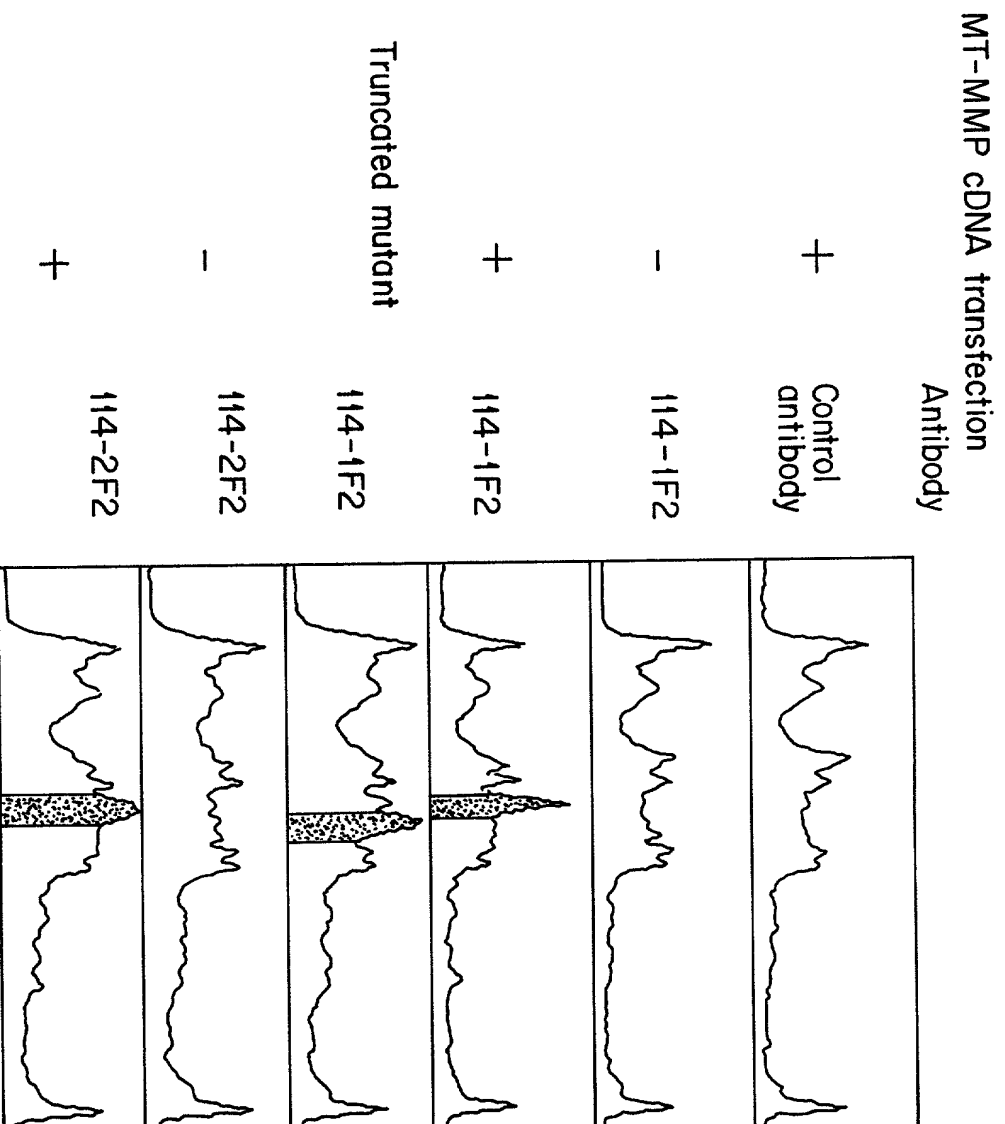


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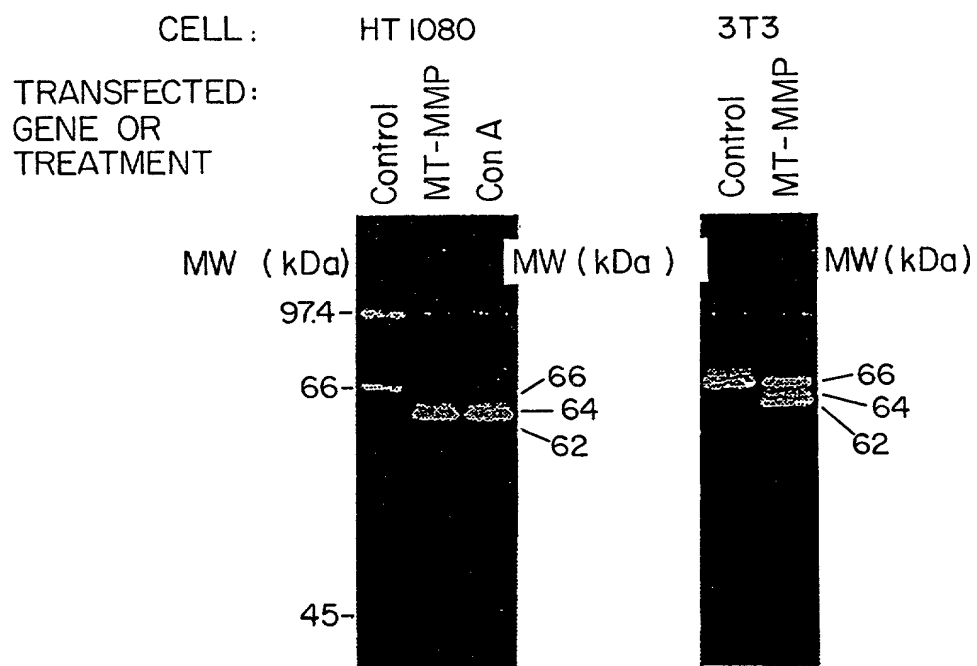


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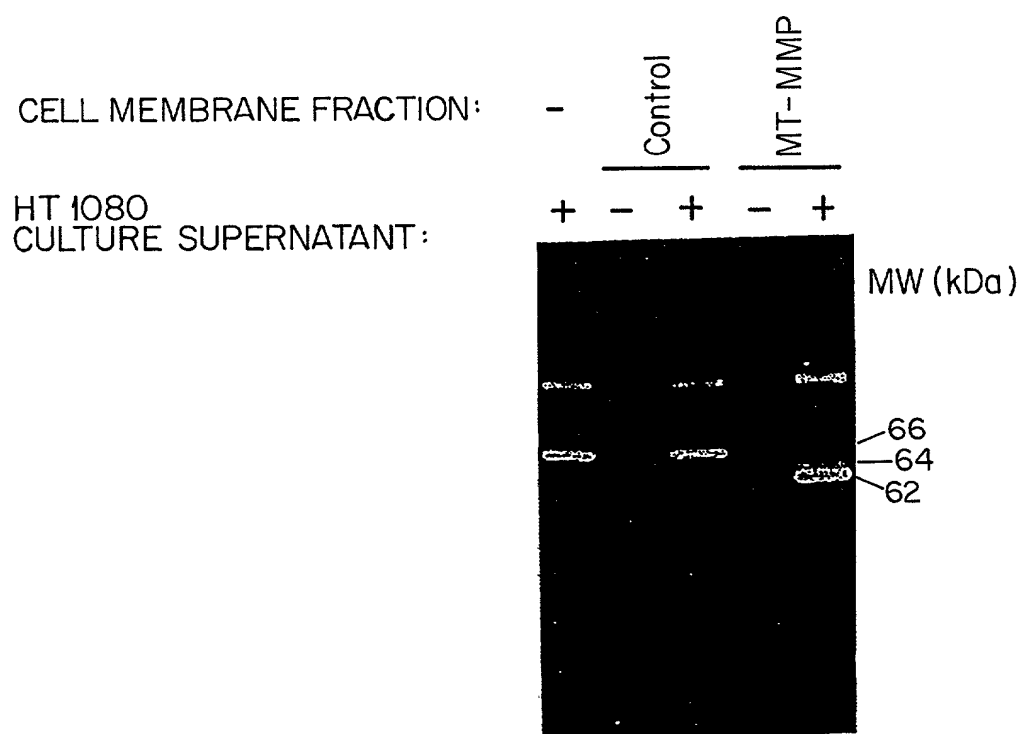
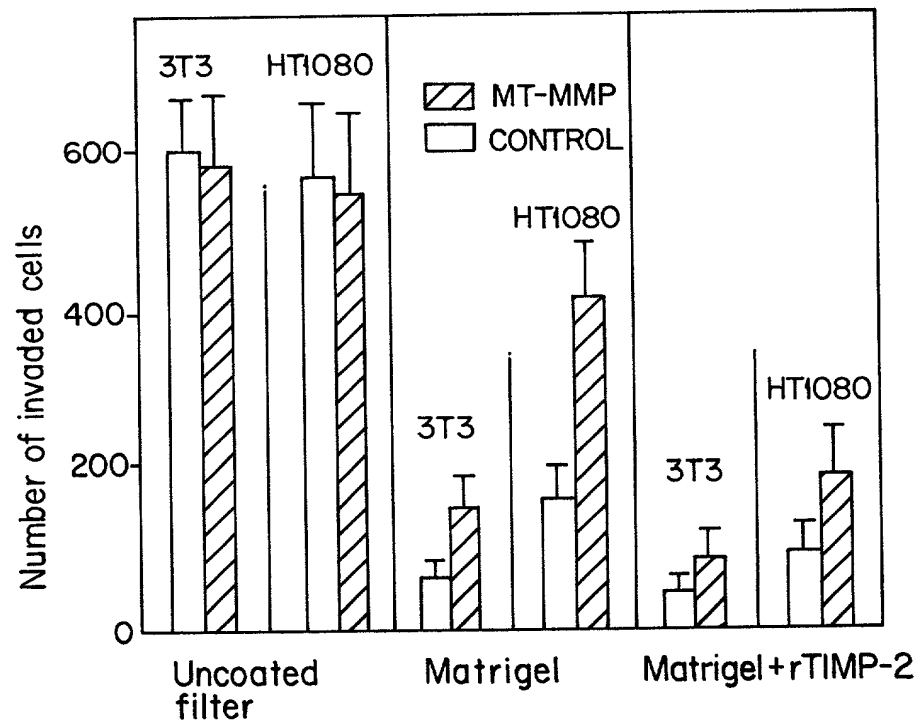


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Gln Pro Trp His Ala Ala Leu Pro Ser Ser Pro Ala Pro Ala Pro Ala
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Thr Gln Glu Ala Pro Arg Pro Ala Ser Ser Leu Arg Pro Pro Arg Cys
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Gly Val Pro Asp Pro Ser Asp Gly Leu Ser Ala Arg Asn Arg Gln Lys
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Arg Phe Val Leu Ser Gly Gly Arg Trp Glu Lys Thr Asp Leu Thr Tyr
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Arg Ile Leu Arg Phe Pro Trp Gln Leu Val Gln Glu Gln Val Arg Gln
 115 120 125

Thr Met Ala Glu Ala Leu Lys Val Trp Ser Asp Val Thr Pro Leu Thr
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Phe Thr Glu Val His Glu Gly Arg Ala Asp Ile Met Ile Asp Phe Ala
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Arg Tyr Trp Asp Gly Asp Asp Leu Pro Phe Asp Gly Pro Gly Gly Ile

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Phe Asp Tyr Asp Glu Thr Trp Thr Ile Gly Asp Asp Gln Gly Thr Asp		
195	200	205
Leu Leu Gln Val Ala Ala His Glu Phe Gly His Val Leu Gly Leu Gln		
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His Thr Thr Ala Ala Lys Ala Leu Met Ser Ala Phe Tyr Thr Phe Arg		
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Tyr Pro Leu Ser Leu Ser Pro Asp Asp Cys Arg Gly Val Gln His Leu		
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Pro Gln Ala Gly Ile Asp Thr Asn Glu Ile Ala Pro Leu Glu Pro Asp		
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Ala Pro Pro Asp Ala Cys Glu Ala Ser Phe Asp Ala Val Ser Thr Ile		
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Arg Gly Glu Leu Phe Phe Phe Lys Ala Gly Phe Val Trp Arg Leu Arg		
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His Ile Trp Phe Phe Gln Gly Ala Gln Tyr Trp Val Tyr Asp Gly Glu		
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Lys Pro Val Leu Gly Pro Ala Pro Leu Thr Glu Leu Gly Leu Val Arg		
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Phe Pro Val His Ala Ala Leu Val Trp Gly Pro Glu Lys Asn Lys Ile		
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Tyr Phe Phe Arg Gly Arg Asp Tyr Trp Arg Phe His Pro Ser Thr Arg		
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Arg Val Asp Ser Pro Val Pro Arg Arg Ala Thr Asp Trp Arg Gly Val		

Asp Val Asp His Ala Ile Glu Lys Ala Phe Gln Leu Trp Ser Asn Val
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Thr Pro Leu Thr Phe Thr Lys Val Ser Glu Gly Gln Ala Asp Ile Met
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Ile Ser Phe Val Arg Gly Asp His Arg Asp Asn Ser Pro Phe Asp Gly
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Gly Asp Ala His Phe Asp Glu Asp Glu Arg Trp Thr Asn Asn Phe Thr
 195 200 205

Glu Tyr Asn Leu His Arg Val Ala Ala His Glu Leu Gly His Ser Leu
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Gly Leu Ser His Ser Thr Asp Ile Gly Ala Leu Met Tyr Pro Ser Tyr
 225 230 235 240

Thr Phe Ser Gly Asp Val Gln Leu Ala Gln Asp Asp Ile Asp Gly Ile
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Gln Ala Ile Tyr Gly Arg Ser Gln Asn Pro Val Gln Pro Ile Gly Pro
 260 265 270

Gln Thr Pro Lys Ala Cys Asp Ser Lys Leu Thr Phe Asp Ala Ile Thr
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Trp Pro Gln Leu Pro Asn Gly Leu Glu Ala Ala Tyr Glu Phe Ala Asp
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Arg Asp Glu Val Arg Phe Phe Lys Gly Asn Lys Tyr Trp Ala Val Gln
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Gly Phe Pro Arg Thr Val Lys His Ile Asp Ala Ala Leu Ser Glu Glu
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Asn Thr Gly Lys Thr Tyr Phe Phe Val Ala Asn Lys Tyr Trp Arg Tyr
385 390 395 400

Asp Glu Tyr Lys Arg Ser Met Asp Pro Gly Tyr Pro Lys Met Ile Ala
405 410 415

His Asp Phe Pro Gly Ile Gly His Lys Val Asp Ala Val Phe Met Lys
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Asp Gly Phe Phe Tyr Phe Phe His Gly Thr Arg Gln Tyr Lys Phe Asp
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35 40 45

Gln Ser Thr Arg Lys Asn Gly Thr Asn Val Ile Val Glu Lys Leu Lys
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Glu Met Gln Arg Phe Phe Gly Leu Asn Val Thr Gly Lys Pro Asn Glu
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Glu Thr Leu Asp Met Met Lys Lys Pro Arg Cys Gly Val Pro Asp Ser
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Gly Gly Phe Met Leu Thr Pro Gly Asn Pro Lys Trp Glu Arg Thr Asn
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Leu Thr Tyr Arg Ile Arg Asn Tyr Thr Pro Gln Leu Ser Glu Ala Glu
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Val Glu Arg Ala Ile Lys Asp Ala Phe Glu Leu Trp Ser Val Ala Ser
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Ala Phe Tyr Gln Arg Asp His Gly Asp Asn Ser Pro Phe Asp Gly Pro
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Asn Gly Ile Leu Ala His Ala Phe Gln Pro Gly Gln Gly Ile Gly Gly
 180 185 190

Asp Ala His Phe Asp Ala Glu Glu Thr Trp Thr Asn Thr Ser Ala Asn
 195 200 205

Tyr Asn Leu Phe Leu Val Ala Ala His Glu Phe Gly His Ser Leu Gly
 210 215 220

Leu Ala His Ser Ser Asp Pro Gly Ala Leu Met Tyr Pro Asn Tyr Ala
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Phe Arg Glu Thr Ser Asn Tyr Ser Leu Pro Gln Asp Asp Ile Asp Gly
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Ile Gln Ala Ile Tyr Gly Leu Ser Ser Asn Pro Ile Gln Pro Thr Gly
 260 265 270

Pro Ser Thr Pro Lys Pro Cys Asp Pro Ser Leu Thr Phe Asp Ala Ile
 275 280 285

Thr Thr Leu Arg Gly Glu Ile Leu Phe Phe Lys Asp Arg Tyr Phe Trp
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Asp Arg Asp Leu Ile Phe Leu Phe Lys Gly Asn Gln Tyr Trp Ala Leu
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 355 360 365

Gly Phe Pro Ser Ser Val Gln Ala Ile Asp Ala Ala Val Phe Tyr Arg
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Ser Lys Thr Tyr Phe Phe Val Asn Asp Gln Phe Trp Arg Tyr Asp Asn
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Gln Arg Gln Phe Met Glu Pro Gly Tyr Pro Lys Ser Ile Ser Gly Ala
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Phe Pro Gly Ile Glu Ser Lys Val Asp Ala Val Phe Gln Gln Glu His
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Phe Phe His Val Phe Ser Gly Pro Arg Tyr Tyr Ala Phe Asp Leu Ile
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Lys Gln Phe Arg Arg Lys Asp Ser Asn Leu Ile Val Lys Lys Ile Gln

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Gly His Phe Ser Ser Phe Pro Gly Met Pro Lys Trp Arg Lys Thr His		
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115	120	125
Val Asp Ser Ala Ile Glu Lys Ala Leu Lys Val Trp Glu Glu Val Thr		
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Pro Leu Thr Phe Ser Arg Leu Tyr Glu Gly Glu Ala Asp Ile Met Ile		
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Ser Phe Ala Val Lys Glu His Gly Asp Phe Tyr Ser Phe Asp Gly Pro		
	165	170 175
Gly His Ser Leu Ala His Ala Tyr Pro Pro Gly Pro Gly Leu Tyr Gly		
180	185	190
Asp Ile His Phe Asp Asp Asp Glu Lys Trp Thr Glu Asp Ala Ser Gly		
195	200	205
Thr Asn Leu Phe Leu Val Ala Ala His Glu Leu Gly His Ser Leu Gly		
210	215	220
Leu Phe His Ser Ala Asn Thr Glu Ala Leu Met Tyr Pro Leu Tyr Asn		
225	230	235 240
Ser Phe Thr Glu Leu Ala Gln Phe Arg Leu Ser Gln Asp Asp Val Asn		
	245	250 255
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260	265	270
Leu Val Pro Thr Lys Ser Val Pro Ser Gly Ser Glu Met Pro Ala Lys		
275	280	285
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290	295	300
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Leu Val Gln Lys Tyr Leu Glu Asn Tyr Tyr Asp Leu Lys Lys Asp Val
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Lys Gln Phe Val Arg Arg Lys Asp Ser Gly Pro Val Val Lys Lys Ile
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Arg Glu Met Gln Lys Phe Leu Gly Leu Glu Val Thr Gly Lys Leu Asp
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Ser Asp Thr Leu Glu Val Met Arg Lys Pro Arg Cys Gly Val Pro Asp
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Val Gly His Phe Arg Thr Phe Pro Gly Ile Pro Lys Trp Arg Lys Thr
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His Leu Thr Tyr Arg Ile Val Asn Tyr Thr Pro Asp Leu Pro Lys Asp
 115 120 125

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Thr Pro Leu Thr Phe Ser Arg Leu Tyr Glu Gly Glu Ala Asp Ile Met
 145 150 155 160

Ile Ser Phe Ala Val Arg Glu His Gly Asp Phe Tyr Pro Phe Asp Gly
 165 170 175

Pro Gly Asn Val Leu Ala His Ala Tyr Ala Pro Gly Pro Gly Ile Asn
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Gly Asp Ala His Phe Asp Asp Asp Glu Gln Trp Thr Lys Asp Thr Thr
 195 200 205

Gly Thr Asn Leu Phe Leu Val Ala Ala His Glu Ile Gly His Ser Leu
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Gly Leu Phe His Ser Ala Asn Thr Glu Ala Leu Met Tyr Pro Leu Tyr
 225 230 235 240

His Ser Leu Thr Asp Leu Thr Arg Phe Arg Leu Ser Gln Asp Asp Ile
 245 250 255

Asn Gly Ile Gln Ser Leu Tyr Gly Pro Pro Pro Asp Ser Pro Glu Thr
 260 265 270

Pro Leu Val Pro Thr Glu Pro Val Pro Pro Glu Pro Gly Thr Pro Ala
 275 280 285

Asn Cys Asp Pro Ala Leu Ser Phe Asp Ala Val Ser Thr Leu Arg Gly
 290 295 300

Glu Ile Leu Ile Phe Lys Asp Arg His Phe Trp Arg Lys Ser Leu Arg
 305 310 315 320

Lys Leu Glu Pro Glu Leu His Leu Ile Ser Ser Phe Trp Pro Ser Leu
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Pro Ser Gly Val Asp Ala Ala Tyr Glu Val Thr Ser Lys Asp Leu Val
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Phe Ile Phe Lys Gly Asn Gln Phe Trp Ala Ile Arg Gly Asn Glu Val
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Arg Ala Gly Tyr Pro Arg Gly Ile His Thr Leu Gly Phe Pro Pro Thr
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Val Arg Lys Ile Asp Ala Ala Ile Ser Asp Lys Glu Lys Asn Lys Thr
 385 390 395 400

Tyr Phe Phe Val Glu Asp Lys Tyr Trp Arg Phe Asp Glu Lys Arg Asn
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Ser Met Glu Pro Gly Phe Pro Lys Gln Ile Ala Glu Asp Phe Pro Gly
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Ile Asp Ser Lys Ile Asp Ala Val Phe Glu Glu Phe Gly Phe Phe Tyr
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Leu Tyr Arg Tyr Gly Tyr Thr Arg Val Ala Glu Met Arg Gly Glu Ser
      50           55           60

Lys Ser Leu Gly Pro Ala Leu Leu Leu Leu Gln Lys Gln Leu Ser Leu
      65           70           75           80

Pro Glu Thr Gly Glu Leu Asp Ser Ala Thr Leu Lys Ala Met Arg Thr
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Pro Arg Cys Gly Val Pro Asp Leu Gly Arg Phe Gln Thr Phe Glu Gly
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Ser Glu Asp Leu Pro Arg Ala Val Ile Asp Asp Ala Phe Ala Arg Ala
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Ser Arg Asp Ala Asp Ile Val Ile Gln Phe Gly Val Ala Glu His Gly
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Pro Pro Gly Pro Gly Ile Gln Gly Asp Ala His Phe Asp Asp Asp Glu
      195          200          205

Leu Trp Ser Leu Gly Lys Gly Val Val Val Pro Thr Arg Phe Gly Asn
      210          215          220

Ala Asp Gly Ala Ala Cys His Phe Pro Phe Ile Phe Glu Gly Arg Ser
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 260 265 270

Ser Glu Arg Leu Tyr Thr Arg Asp Gly Asn Ala Asp Gly Lys Pro Cys
 275 280 285

Gln Phe Pro Phe Ile Phe Gln Gly Gln Ser Tyr Ser Ala Cys Thr Thr
 290 295 300

Asp Gly Arg Ser Asp Gly Tyr Arg Trp Cys Ala Thr Thr Ala Asn Tyr
 305 310 315 320

Asp Arg Asp Lys Leu Phe Gly Phe Cys Pro Thr Arg Ala Asp Ser Thr
 325 330 335

Val Met Gly Gly Asn Ser Ala Gly Glu Leu Cys Val Phe Pro Phe Thr
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Phe Leu Gly Lys Glu Tyr Ser Thr Cys Thr Ser Glu Gly Arg Gly Asp
 355 360 365

Gly Arg Leu Trp Cys Ala Thr Thr Ser Asn Phe Asp Ser Asp Lys Lys
 370 375 380

Trp Gly Phe Cys Pro Asp Gln Gly Tyr Ser Leu Phe Leu Val Ala Ala
 385 390 395 400

His Glu Phe Gly His Ala Leu Gly Leu Asp His Ser Ser Val Pro Glu
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Ala Leu Met Tyr Pro Met Tyr Arg Phe Thr Glu Gly Pro Pro Leu His
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Lys Asp Asp Val Asn Gly Ile Arg His Leu Tyr Gly Pro Arg Pro Glu
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Pro Glu Pro Arg Pro Pro Thr Thr Thr Thr Pro Gln Pro Thr Ala Pro
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Pro Thr Val Cys Pro Thr Gly Pro Pro Thr Val His Pro Ser Glu Arg
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Pro Thr Ala Gly Pro Thr Gly Pro Pro Ser Ala Gly Pro Thr Gly Pro
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Pro Thr Ala Gly Pro Ser Thr Ala Thr Thr Val Pro Leu Ser Pro Val
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Pro Ala Leu Pro Arg Lys Leu Asp Ser Val Phe Glu Glu Pro Leu Ser
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Lys Lys Leu Phe Phe Phe Ser Gly Arg Gln Val Trp Val Tyr Thr Gly
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Leu Leu Phe Ser Gly Arg Arg Leu Trp Arg Phe Asp Val Lys Ala Gln
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Val Pro Leu Asp Thr His Asp Val Phe Gln Tyr Arg Glu Lys Ala Tyr
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Gln Lys Phe Phe Gly Leu Pro Gln Thr Gly Asp Leu Asp Gln Asn Thr
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Ile Glu Thr Met Arg Lys Pro Arg Cys Gly Asn Pro Asp Val Ala Asn
65 70 75 80

Tyr Asn Phe Phe Pro Arg Lys Pro Lys Trp Asp Lys Asn Gln Ile Thr
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Tyr Arg Ile Ile Gly Tyr Thr Pro Asp Leu Asp Pro Glu Thr Val Asp
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Asp Ala Phe Ala Arg Ala Phe Gln Val Trp Ser Asp Val Thr Pro Leu
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Arg Phe Ser Arg Ile His Asp Gly Glu Ala Asp Ile Met Ile Asn Phe
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Gly Arg Trp Glu His Gly Asp Gly Tyr Pro Phe Asp Gly Lys Asp Gly
145 150 155 160

Leu Leu Ala His Ala Phe Ala Pro Gly Thr Gly Val Gly Gly Asp Ser
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180 185 190

Arg Val Lys Tyr Gly Asn Ala Asp Gly Glu Tyr Cys Lys Phe Pro Phe
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Asp Gly Phe Leu Trp Cys Ser Thr Thr Tyr Asn Phe Glu Lys Asp Gly

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Thr Lys Asn Ala Asn Ser Leu Glu Ala Lys Leu Lys Glu Met Gln Lys
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Phe Phe Gly Leu Pro Ile Thr Gly Met Leu Asn Ser Arg Val Ile Glu
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Ile Met Gln Lys Pro Arg Cys Gly Val Pro Asp Val Ala Glu Tyr Ser
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Leu Phe Pro Asn Ser Pro Lys Trp Thr Ser Lys Val Val Thr Tyr Arg
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Ile Val Ser Tyr Thr Arg Asp Leu Pro His Ile Thr Val Asp Arg Leu
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Arg Lys Val Val Trp Gly Thr Ala Asp Ile Met Ile Gly Phe Ala Arg
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Gly Ala His Gly Asp Ser Tyr Pro Phe Asp Gly Pro Gly Asn Thr Leu
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Thr Tyr Arg Ile Asn Tyr Thr Pro Asp Leu Pro Val Asp Ala Lys Ala
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Phe Val Trp Ser Val Thr Pro Leu Thr Phe Arg Val Glu Gly Ala Asp
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Ile Met Ile Phe Ala His Gly Asp Tyr Pro Phe Asp Gly Pro Gly Gly
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Leu Ala His Ala Phe Pro Gly Pro Gly Ile Gly Gly Asp Ala His Phe
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Asp Asp Glu Trp Thr Asn Leu Phe Leu Val Ala Ala His Glu Gly His
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Ser Leu Gly Leu His Ser Asp Pro Ala Leu Met Tyr Pro Thr Phe Phe
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Leu Ser Gln Asp Asp Ile Gly Ile Gln Leu Tyr Gly Pro Pro Thr Cys
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Asp Phe Asp Ala Ile Thr Arg Gly Glu Phe Phe Lys Asp Arg Trp Arg
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Leu Ser Phe Trp Pro Leu Pro Asp Ala Ala Tyr Glu Phe Phe Gly Asn
180 185 190

Tyr Trp Gly Gly Tyr Pro Ile Leu Gly Pro Val Asp Ala Ala Lys Thr
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Tyr Phe Phe Lys Trp Arg Asp Met Pro Gly Pro Ile Phe Pro Gly Asp
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Ala Val Phe Phe Trp Leu Cys
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